

To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 6/19/2017 2:58:48 PM
Subject: FW: Updated Proposal...
[5.22.17 Definers EPA Monitoring Proposal.pdf](#)

[REDACTED] Attached is the contract.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 9:38 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; 'jpounder@definerscorp.com' <jpounder@definerscorp.com>
Subject: FW: Updated Proposal...

George –

I am adding you to this email. Can you please contact Joe Pounder and circle back with me. I believe Definers is able to do morning summaries or morning media matrixs that we can circulate within the agency to interested people and they are also capable of doing live-time alerts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thank you,

Jahan

From: Joe Pounder [<mailto:jpounder@definerscorp.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:26 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Updated Proposal...

Mr. Wilcox,

Please find attached an updated proposal with examples of actual alerts and daily matrix. Please let us know if you have any other questions. Our plan is when it is rolled out to clients, these alerts will be compiled into our Definers Console where they will be also stored and searchable in addition to emailed directly to inboxes. Thanks again.

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Joe Pounder
jpounder@definerscorp.com
571-290-5460

To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Cc: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
From: Allen, Reginald
Sent: Sun 11/12/2017 5:37:26 PM
Subject: RE: opa budget info -- as discussed - thanks ng

Roger all – I have a meeting Monday with Reggie on this and the space issue with OP

Reginald E. Allen, SES
Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2017 4:23 PM
To: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>
Cc: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: opa budget info -- as discussed - thanks ng

Thanks Reggie,

As you know, I come from a regional RA’s office (OPA a part of it), so understand things are not funded and the inherent challenges.

However, OPA is a service organization and most of the things listed are not discretionary.

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Thanks ng

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From: Allen, Reginald
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2017 12:52 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Benton, Michael <benton.michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Hurt, Tiffany <Hurt.Tiffany@epa.gov>; White, Candace <White.Candace@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: opa budget info -- as discussed - thanks ng

Thanks Nancy
Understand these are all priority items and as you know OPA is not funded for most of it so we’ll have some tough decisions to make soon on how to fund all this.

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More to follow
Reggie

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On Nov 11, 2017, at 9:58 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

<image001.gif>

Campaign Monitor software - \$1788 annually (need to work out how this is billed)

Definers Media Monitoring -- \$120,000 - \$240,000 * (\$120,000 in committed funds)

Cision Media Services – working to figure out what option year we are in; annual cost; collection from regions and HQ offices

Frames for hallways -- \$3500

RWA for wall repairs and hanging new photos -- \$20,000

Cubicle enlargement in 3407 -- \$1683

Challenge coins -- \$2500

Translation Services - \$60,000 (working with OGC/Lilian Dorka on next option years and funding)

SEE employee -- \$36,000 - contract expires 2/18

Administrator McCarthy portrait -- \$5000 (portrait, frame, plaque, hanging)

Nancy Grantham

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Greaves, Holly
Sent: Fri 2/9/2018 6:12:34 PM
Subject: RE: APPROVAL: Holly,

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2018 1:09 PM
To: Greaves, Holly <greaves.holly@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: APPROVAL: Holly,

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From: Fimrite, Peter [mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com]
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2018 12:58 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Are your comments below off the record or can I quote you on any of them? You have them in quotes with your name attached. I would like to quote a couple of those answers. Also, I'm hearing that Region 9 will be facing a 10 percent personnel reduction by the end of fiscal year 2018, according to goals laid out by the EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Can you confirm this for me?

I definitely would like to tell about the actions of Congress rather than leaving the tea leaves of proposals. Can you give me some idea about what the budget passed last night means for the EPA in terms of cuts?

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 6:26 AM
To: Fimrite, Peter <Personal Email / Ex. 6>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Peter –

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• **Today, Friday, February 9, 2018, Congress Passed A Budget That Will Fund The Government For The Next Two Years.** “After a temporary lapse in government funding that lasted through the night, Congress passed a pricey two-year spending deal early Friday that will also fund the government for an additional six weeks. The government temporarily closed after Congress failed to pass a government funding bill before a midnight deadline due to the objections of one senator, shutting down non-essential government services. In the end, a bipartisan cohort of lawmakers supported the \$400 billion agreement. Shortly after 1:30 a.m. ET, the Senate voted, 71-28, to approve a two-year spending bill that would reopen the government, and the House passed it at 5:30 a.m. with the support of 240 members. Trump tweeted Wednesday morning that he had signed the bill, officially ending the brief shutdown.” (NBC News, 02/09/18)

Additionally, **below are some on-the-record responses** to your questions. Some of these answers took a while to find and we hope that you will be able to use as much as possible.

Jahan

From: Fimrite, Peter [mailto:Personal Email / Ex. 6]
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 3:54 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Thanks for getting back to me. Here are some questions and issues I'd like to have addressed:

The folks I've talked to say morale is as low as it has ever been at Region 9 and that many long time employees have been taking early retirement, buyouts or quitting as a result, mostly, in response to what they say is a de-emphasis on science and environmental protection, the core work of the EPA.

- **"From Administrator Pruitt's focus on cleaning up toxic Superfund sites, his leadership during the government shutdown that kept the agency open and paid every employee, to EPA's Region 9 where just 11 employees took an early retirement and nearly a quarter of the employees are working despite being eligible to retire, morale is great at EPA."** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Three former employees and another current one say the office is short staffed, that Superfund sites have been prioritized, with some now on the back burner, and that the words "climate change" were scrubbed from contracts and grants, a form of censorship.

- **"Administrator Pruitt has placed a renewed focused on cleaning up toxic Superfund sites. We are reviewing every grant and 99.84 percent of all grants have been awarded."** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Another complaint is that industry and business metrics have been brought in to change the culture of the office and downsize and streamline environmental regulation.

- **"Administrator Pruitt is proud to streamline regulations, which is creating regulatory certainty."** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Many have told me off the record that they are scared to say anything and generally speak with each other in winks and whispers or out of the office because they fear being exposed by the consulting firm Definers Public Affairs, which they say has spent the past year investigating agency employees critical of the Trump administration and Pruitt. Is this true?

- **"No this is not accurate. Like any government agency, all EPA employees are subjected to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and in terms of the FOIAs nearly all are aimed at political, not career employees."** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Many are also critical of the fact that the two people considered for the administrator job both worked in the oil, gas or mining industry. Can you confirm that Ryan Flynn and Chris Paul were considered for the position. How is the search for a new administrator going and what are you looking for in the leader?

- **"We don't discuss who have been or not been interviewed for the Region 9 Administrator or any other position. The Administration is carefully considering many highly qualified candidates for Region 9 and will announce another great regional administrator soon."** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:26 PM

To: Fimrite, Peter <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Call me or send me specific examples and I will do my best to address them.

Jahan Wilcox

EPA

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From: Wilcox, Jahan

Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 3:20 PM

To: Fimrite, Peter <[REDACTED] Personal Email / Ex. 6] Press <Press@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Will handle.

From: Fimrite, Peter [mailto: [REDACTED] Personal Email / Ex. 6]]

Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 2:36 PM

To: Press <Press@epa.gov>

Subject: Questions about EPA morale

I'm working on a story about all the changes occurring at the EPA and the effect it has had on employees in the various regions, particularly region 9. I was hoping for a comment from the administration or a spokesman. Please call me at 415-777-8454.

Peter Fimrite

Staff Writer

San Francisco Chronicle

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To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 2/12/2018 10:33:13 PM
Subject: FW: APPROVAL: SF Chron / Employee Morale

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 7:04 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: APPROVAL: SF Chron / Employee Morale

Thank you.

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 5:18 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: APPROVAL: SF Chron / Employee Morale

Ryan –

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To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 11/14/2017 8:51:14 PM
Subject: RE: Lead Enforcement Actions

She is in Contract Officer training so she can administer the Definers contract that we are working on (Jahan’s request). She needs to do online training to get certified. We can’t have a contract without a contracting officer.

Please let me know if you need more info.

Thanks ng

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 3:39 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Lead Enforcement Actions

What training?

From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Automatic reply: Lead Enforcement Actions

I will be in training all day on 11/14 and unavailable. Please contact Nancy Grantham or Julia Valentine for assistance.

Thanks!

To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thur 2/8/2018 12:25:27 AM
Subject: RE: E&C Pallone QFR on Definers Contract

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:44 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: E&C Pallone QFR on Definers Contract

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From: Ringel, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 10:39 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: E&C Pallone QFR on Definers Contract

Liz/Troy,

Ranking Member Pallone asked for a copy of the contract with Definers along with the scope of work in his questions for the record after the Administrators 12/7 hearing (question/response below). **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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33. PALLONE: Please provide a copy of the contract between EPA and Definers Corp. including any statement of work.

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To: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Thur 1/4/2018 5:38:48 PM
Subject: RE: EPA contract documentation request

Thanks. We've been working with Nancy on a response to EPW on this topic, **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

-Kyle

Kyle Aarons
Congressional Affairs
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From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 2:52 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA contract documentation request

From: Seiger, Ryan [mailto:Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 2:09 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Cc: Brain, Michael <Michael.Brain@mail.house.gov>; McCarragher, Ward <Ward.McCarragher@mail.house.gov>; Dedrick, Kathy <Kathy.Dedrick@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA contract documentation request

Aaron and Troy:

Per your request, enclosed is a formal request letter from Ranking Member DeFazio seeing additional information on the process that EPA followed in executing its contract with Definers for news analysis and brief service. A hard copy is being mailed today as well.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Ryan C. Seiger
Staff Director/Senior Counsel
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
505 Ford House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-0060

From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 5:37 PM
To: Seiger, Ryan <Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Brain, Michael <Michael.Brain@mail.house.gov>; McCarragher, Ward <Ward.McCarragher@mail.house.gov>; Dedrick, Kathy <Kathy.Dedrick@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA contract documentation request

Ryan:

Formal inquiries help us keep track of the numerous inquiries we receive from both the majority and the minority. We ask for a formal submission for tracking purposes as the inquiry will be assigned to the appropriate staffer. Also, formal requests help us process these requests in the order in which they are received.

We will continue to respond to requests such as TA and others requests through simple emails but ask oversight requests

I don't think Aaron's note implied you all do not have oversight authority, but with energy and commerce being our main committee of jurisdiction we want to ensure they are looped in as they are likely working on a similar request.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 18, 2017, at 4:45 PM, Seiger, Ryan <Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Aaron:

On your response to my information request, a few questions...first, it it now EPA policy that routine oversight requests from Committee staff need now be formal letter requests from the Members? Also, is this request for a letter coming from OCIR or from the agency at large?

Can you also provide me with a basis for your claim that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure does not have independent oversight jurisdiction over EPA?

Finally, on these apparent new rules, do they apply both to the T and I majority and the minority? Are there any other oversight processes that have been put in place this year that we need to be aware of?

Ryan C. Seiger

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

(202) 225-0060

On Dec 18, 2017, at 2:42 PM, Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Ryan, could you please put your request in an official letter? Additionally, have you coordinated with E&C on this? I believe EPA oversight resides within their committee's jurisdiction.

Best,

-Aaron

To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thur 12/14/2017 7:46:18 PM
Subject: RE: Environmental Headlines December 14, 2017

Each region compiles clips each day – and early on we had asked them to send them to OPA – they all compile them in different ways.

Also, we have finally awarded the Definers contract (media service that Jahan had recommended), so we will start getting clips from them shortly. We have a startup call with them next week – and will include others on the call.

Thanks ng

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Environmental Headlines December 14, 2017

What's the deal with these emails? Why does she send these around and who all gets these/who decides what is included/not included?

From: Henderson, Dedre
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Henderson, Dedre <Henderson.Dedre@epa.gov>
Subject: Environmental Headlines December 14, 2017

Environmental Headlines – prepared by the Region 8 Librarians – December 14, 2017

Note: Many newspapers are beginning to adopt subscription policies to govern access to their online editions. In some cases, this involves the creation of a free user account; in others, paid subscription is necessary to view more than a set number of articles (usually 20) per month. If you have difficulty accessing the news articles you need, please contact the library (library-reg8@epa.gov or (303) 312-7226) for assistance. Please note that the new Region 8 intranet site does not allow access to older headlines; if you need assistance retrieving a news article from a previous week or month, please contact the library.

COLORADO

Crestone sues Colorado for overlapping drilling applications
<http://www.denverpost.com/2017/12/13/crestone-sues-colorado-for-overlapping-drilling-applications/>

Fort Collins considers changes to oil and gas buffers
<http://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/2017/12/14/fort-collins-considers-changes-oil-and-gas-buffers/949529001/>

Asbestos being removed from retired high school
<https://the-journal.com/articles/77936-asbestos-being-removed-from-retired-high-school>

MONTANA

Plan for mosquito-control drone grounded

http://www.dailyinterlake.com/local_news/20171213/plan_for_mosquito-control_drone_grounded

UTAH

Another Red Air Day forecast for Salt Lake County

<http://fox13now.com/2017/12/13/another-red-air-day-forecast-for-salt-lake-county/>

Feds give initial OK to Utah's application to build Lake Powell pipeline - but with a major, unexpected twist

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/2017/12/13/feds-give-initial-ok-to-utahs-application-to-build-lake-powell-pipeline-but-with-a-major-unexpected-twist/>

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What Republicans Think About Climate Change — in Maps

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/12/14/climate/republicans-global-warming-maps.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fclimate>

EPA Chemical Safety Nominee Drops Out Amid Strong Opposition

<https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2017/12/13/us/politics/ap-us-congress-epa-dourson.html>

Anti-Pipeline Group Goes Back to Work Against Keystone XL

<https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2017/12/14/us/14reuters-usa-pipelines-keystone.html>

Fracking sites may raise the risk of underweight babies, new study says

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/12/13/fracking-sites-raise-the-risk-of-low-birth-weight-babies-new-study-says/?utm_term=.6bfc8a7ca222

Sustainability Careers Have Gotten A Trump Bump — At The Local Level

<http://www.cpr.org/news/story/sustainability-careers-have-gotten-a-trump-bump-at-the-local-level>

To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 10/18/2017 8:24:08 PM
Subject: Re: Definers -- Clips

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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 18, 2017, at 4:13 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:27 PM
To: Joe Pounder <[Personal Email / Ex. 6] > Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Definers -- Clips

Great. Adding Nancy and Liz.

On Sep 28, 2017, at 4:11 PM, Joe Pounder [Personal Email / Ex. 6] wrote:

We're fully registered...

<Screen Shot 2017-09-28 at 4.23.59 PM.png>

On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 3:29 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers -- Clips

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers -- Clips
Importance: High

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Joe Pounder

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Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thur 9/28/2017 7:28:56 PM
Subject: RE: Definers -- Clips

HI –

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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers -- Clips
Importance: High

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Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 12/19/2017 8:45:57 PM
Subject: RE: GOP firm ends controversial media monitoring contract with EPA

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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: GOP firm ends controversial media monitoring contract with EPA

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From: POLITICO Pro Energy Whiteboard [Personal Email / Ex. 6]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 2:24 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: GOP firm ends controversial media monitoring contract with EPA

By Emily Holden

12/19/2017 02:22 PM EDT

The Republican media monitoring firm Definers Public Affairs canceled its \$120,000 contract with EPA following a media backlash because of the company's links to GOP opposition research firm America Rising.

Earlier this year, America Rising filed several Freedom Of Information Act requests for communications from EPA career staffers who had been critical of Administrator Scott Pruitt or President Donald Trump. That included email sent by John O'Grady, a top union official at the EPA, that "mentions or refers to President Trump."

News reports about the two efforts to monitor news coverage about the agency and dig up information about dissenting staffers stirred new accusations that Pruitt is fostering an atmosphere of paranoia and distrust at EPA.

Definers described the decision to end the contract as mutual, although EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox would not say whether the agency or company initiated the cancellation.

Definers President Joe Pounder said in a written statement that previous administrations paid for more for slower services, but "it's become clear this will become a distraction. As a result, Definers and the EPA have decided to forgo the contract." He added that the firm will not offer its services to any other federal agencies.

Mother Jones first reported on the contract, and The New York Times documented the ties between Definers and America Rising, which was also started by Pounder.

To view online:

<https://www.politicopro.com/energy/whiteboard/2017/12/gop-firm-ends-controversial-media-monitoring-contract-with-epa-295918>

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Subject: FW: GOP firm ends controversial media monitoring contract with EPA

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From: POLITICO Pro Energy Whiteboard [**Personal Email / Ex. 6**]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 2:24 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: GOP firm ends controversial media monitoring contract with EPA

By Emily Holden

12/19/2017 02:22 PM EDT

The Republican media monitoring firm Definers Public Affairs canceled its \$120,000 contract with EPA following a media backlash because of the company's links to GOP opposition research firm America Rising.

Earlier this year, America Rising filed several Freedom Of Information Act requests for communications from EPA career staffers who had been critical of Administrator Scott Pruitt or President Donald Trump. That included email sent by John O'Grady, a top union official at the EPA, that "mentions or refers to President Trump."

News reports about the two efforts to monitor news coverage about the agency and dig up information about dissenting staffers stirred new accusations that Pruitt is fostering an atmosphere of paranoia and distrust at EPA.

Definers described the decision to end the contract as mutual, although EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox would not say whether the agency or company initiated the cancellation.

Definers President Joe Pounder said in a written statement that previous administrations paid for more for slower services, but "it's become clear this will become a distraction. As a result, Definers and the EPA have decided to forgo the contract." He added that the firm will not offer its services to any other federal agencies.

Mother Jones first reported on the contract, and The New York Times documented the ties between Definers and America Rising, which was also started by Pounder.

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To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 10/9/2017 11:52:33 PM
Subject: Re: Definers

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Grantham, Nancy
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From: Hull, George
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 8:43:18 PM
Subject: RE: Update on Definers

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on Definers

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Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
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To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Flynn, Mike[Flynn.Mike@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Thur 6/29/2017 2:16:06 PM
Subject: Re: Definers

I'll contact our budget team and get the contract process started today. - George

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2017, at 10:12 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

George, that is fine to open up the competitive bidding process, but that needs to happen TODAY. This has been dragging on for weeks and weeks, and we don't need this to take any longer.

From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Definers

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I know you are on vacation (or out of the office) so no need to respond but where are we on Definers doing all of our clips? Hope you have a great weekend.

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Mon 12/18/2017 7:00:11 PM
Subject: RE: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

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From: Friedman, Lisa [n [Personal Email / Ex. 6]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

Hi folks. I have a few follow up questions on the nature of the contract with Definers I hope you can answer.

1. The contract itself notes that it was a sole-source notification, a no-bid contract. Can you explain to me why this qualified as a no-bid contract. Are they the only company that can provide this service? Unique in some way? Is there any written justification that was conducted that you can provide me?
2. You noted in an earlier response to me that in a sole-source notification a notice must be placed on federal websites to other vendors may provide proof of their ability to conduct the services. In this case, you noted, one additional vendor did so. Can you please provide the name and/or response itself of the company that responded?
3. The contract notes that Definers is self-designated as a disadvantaged business. Executives at Definers said they believe that is a clerical error and that they did not purposely claim any disadvantaged status. Can you please explain to me why the company is designated as such, how that came to be, and if any benefits were incurred to the company because of that status.

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wed 2/7/2018 3:43:50 PM
Subject: RE: E&C Pallone QFR on Definers Contract

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From: Ringel, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 10:39 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: E&C Pallone QFR on Definers Contract

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wed 1/3/2018 7:55:36 PM
Subject: RE: EPA contract documentation request

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From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 2:52 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA contract documentation request

From: Seiger, Ryan [mailto:Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 2:09 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Cc: Brain, Michael <Michael.Brain@mail.house.gov>; McCarragher, Ward <Ward.McCarragher@mail.house.gov>; Dedrick, Kathy <Kathy.Dedrick@mail.house.gov>
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Staff Director/Senior Counsel
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
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Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Brain, Michael <Michael.Brain@mail.house.gov>; McCarragher, Ward <Ward.McCarragher@mail.house.gov>; Dedrick, Kathy <Kathy.Dedrick@mail.house.gov>
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On Dec 18, 2017, at 2:42 PM, Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Ryan, could you please put your request in an official letter? Additionally, have you coordinated with E&C on this? I believe EPA oversight resides within their committee's jurisdiction.

Best,

-Aaron

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Bodine, Susan[bodine.susan@epa.gov]
Cc: Jahan Wilcox (wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thur 12/14/2017 8:44:40 PM
Subject: FW: Request for comment on Definers contract, deadline end of day

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From: Rebecca Leber [r] **Personal Email / Ex. 6**

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:36 PM

To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: Request for comment on Definers contract, deadline end of day

Writing to request comment on federal records showing that the EPA has hired Definers Corp., a PR firm associated with GOP campaigns, on a \$120,000 federal contract to conduct media monitoring.

What work was Definers hired for?

Can you comment on Jahan Wilcox's connections to the staff at Definers, and if he or any other staff played a role in facilitating the contract?

My deadline is end of the day, thank you

Rebecca Leber

To: Abboud, Michael[abboud.michael@epa.gov]; hewitt.james@epa.gov[hewitt.james@epa.gov]
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Sent: Tue 10/10/2017 9:34:02 PM
Subject: Clips for YouTube

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To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov];
Letendre, Daisy[letendre.daisy@epa.gov]
From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Fri 10/20/2017 4:31:20 PM
Subject: RE: Good line from Fox interview

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 12:27 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>;
Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Good line from Fox interview

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 10:28:07 PM
Subject: Re: Follow-Up

No don't change it! 11:30?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2017, at 6:04 PM, Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 5:21 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Follow-Up

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Cc: Flynn, Mike[Flynn.Mike@epa.gov]
From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thur 6/29/2017 2:12:32 PM
Subject: RE: Definers

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Definers

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Sent from my iPhone
On Jun 29, 2017, at 8:50 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:53 PM
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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Mon 6/19/2017 3:10:07 PM
Subject: RE: Updated Proposal...

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Updated Proposal...

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 9:38 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; 'jpounder@definerscorp.com'
Subject: FW: Updated Proposal...

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From: Joe Pounder
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:26 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Updated Proposal...

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Joe Pounder

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To: Jahan Wilcox (wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 1:29:28 PM
Subject: Definers?

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To: Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]; Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]; Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]
Sent: Tue 12/12/2017 8:16:34 PM
Subject: The File

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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]; Dews, Donna[Dews.Donna@epa.gov]; Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Fri 11/17/2017 1:32:09 PM
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
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Cc: McCluney, Lance[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Thur 11/16/2017 7:09:46 PM
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thur 11/16/2017 6:42:53 PM
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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tue 10/24/2017 3:41:28 PM
Subject: RE: Media Contract contact info

Thank you Nancy. I met with Tricia today, we should be all set.

Have a great day,

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From: Grantham, Nancy
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Subject: checking in when we can get together on the definers newsclip procurement/contract this week

Now that vendor has SAM certification – team here is anxious to get this in place – and I need to know what is left open to resolve to get this contract awarded.

Thanks ng

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To: Gosnell, Jody[Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov]; Dews, Donna[Dews.Donna@epa.gov]
Cc: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 10/3/2017 3:27:27 PM
Subject: checking in when we can get together on the definers newsclip procurement/contract this week

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To: Dews, Donna[Dews.Donna@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 8:44:58 PM
Subject: Media Clips Contract

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To: Gosnell, Jody[Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov]
Cc: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Dews, Donna[Dews.Donna@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Tue 8/29/2017 10:36:26 PM
Subject: JOFOC for Media Support Contract
Sole Source JOFOC OA (003) 082517.docx

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Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition (JOFOC)

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 253(c) , FAR PART 6.3

1. **Agency:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Contracting Activity: Purchase of media monitoring services
Contractor: Definers

2. **Nature and/or description of the action:**

This is a sole source procurement subscription for a media support service. The service provides EPA with: 1) Intensive, near live-time coverage of media stories for specific topics, events or announcements; 2) access to a searchable database of past media content on EPA issues and topics; 3) a daily compilation of news articles delivered once each business day by e-mail; and 4) high profile, breaking news stories during the day, delivered by e-mail. This service is vital to support the ability of EPA's Office of Public Affairs to fully monitor and respond quickly to breaking media coverage, which in turn supports EPA's ability to accurately provide information to the public on environmental and regulatory matters. This service also directly supports the Administrator and other senior EPA officials by providing them with timely updates on media stories.

3. **Description of the Supplies or Services:**

1) Intensive, near live-time coverage of media stories for specific topics, events or announcements; 2) access to a searchable database of past media content on EPA issues and topics; 3) a daily compilation of news articles delivered once each business day by e-mail; and 4) high profile, breaking news stories during the day, delivered by e-mail.

Period of performance: One year starting on the date the contract is awarded

DUNS: [Have requested from the provider]

Proposed Source: Definers Corp.

Contacts:

Joe Pounder, President

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Julia Cotrone, Special Assistant

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4. Authority: [Check appropriate exception.]

☒ Only One Responsible Source

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (1)

FAR Cite: FAR 6.302-1

☐ Unusual and Compelling Urgency

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (2)

FAR Cite: FAR 6.302-2

☐ Industrial Mobilization

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (3)

FAR Cite: FAR 6.302-3

☐ International Agreement

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (4)

FAR Cite: FAR 6.302-4

☐ Authorized or Required by Statute

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (5)

FAR Cite: FAR 6.302-5

☐ National Security

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (6)

FAR Cite: FAR 6.302-6

☐ Public Interest

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (7)

FAR Cite: FAR 6.302-7

5. Describe how the contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited:

The contractor provides a unique set of services, when considered as a package. In particular, the searchable database and "war room" coverage provided by this contractor are not available from other companies. While these companies can provide daily media stories, they do not offer their clients with both searchable databases and "war room" coverage for specific events. The "war room" coverage is a rapid response coverage that provides comprehensive coverage of media stories in near live-time to the client.

6. Describe the efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as practicable:

A JOFOC and RFI notice will be posted on FedBizOpps (synopsized) and FedConnect for ten calendar days.

7. **The contracting officer determines that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable due to the vendor's published rates, or other available price information.**

Yes, the CO has determined the cost to be fair and reasonable to the vendor's published rates and other available information from contractor.

8. **Description of the market research conducted (see FAR Part 10). If no market research was conducted, state the reasons:**

Leading providers Cision (www.cision.com), Bulletin Intelligence (www.bulletinintelligence.com), and Critical Mention (www.criticalmention.com) do not provide the combined services sought by EPA's Office of Public Affairs.

9. **Other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition.**

Only one provider of this combined package of services.

10. **List sources that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition. If no sources expressed an interest in writing, indicate such.** None.

11. **Include a statement of the actions, if any, the Agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required.** None

Approvals –

1) Project Officer's Certification

I certify that the facts and representations stated in this justification are complete and accurate which form the basis to award this requirement.

Signature of Technical Officer
Officer

Printed name of Technical

Technical Officer's phone number & E-mail address:

Date: __

2) **Contracting Officer's Certification**

I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Contracting Officer

**Printed name of
Contracting Officer**

Contracting Officer's phone number and E-mail address:

Date: _____

3)

To: Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]; Dews, Donna[Dews.Donna@epa.gov]
From: Marusak, Kirk
Sent: Thur 3/22/2018 1:18:38 PM
Subject: RE: FOIA Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002788 and EPA-HQ-2018-003122 - Name and Email Address Contained in Email Messages - Need Your Response - Thank You

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From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 6:40 AM
To: Marusak, Kirk <Marusak.Kirk@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOIA Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002788 and EPA-HQ-2018-003122 - Name and Email Address Contained in Email Messages - Need Your Response - Thank You

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From: Marusak, Kirk

Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 4:28 PM

To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>

Subject: FOIA Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002788 and EPA-HQ-2018-003122 - Name and Email Address Contained in Email Messages - Need Your Response - Thank You

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From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Thur 3/22/2018 10:39:54 AM
Subject: RE: FOIA Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002788 and EPA-HQ-2018-003122 - Name and Email Address Contained in Email Messages - Need Your Response - Thank You

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From: Marusak, Kirk
Sent: Tue 3/20/2018 8:28:22 PM
Subject: FOIA Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002788 and EPA-HQ-2018-003122 - Name and Email Address Contained in Email
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To: Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]; Dews, Donna[Dews.Donna@epa.gov]
From: Marusak, Kirk
Sent: Tue 3/20/2018 6:19:02 PM
Subject: FOIA Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002788 and EPA-HQ-2018-003122 - Email Messages - Need Your Response - Thank You

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Cc: Dews, Donna[Dews.Donna@epa.gov]; Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Tue 12/26/2017 9:39:27 PM
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Nancy,

I hope you had a nice weekend. The funds have already been de-obligated and as I recall I was able to confirm this in Compass Data Warehouse. Also, the GAO protest of this action was dismissed by GAO last week after our attorney indicated corrective action would be taken. Please let me know if you have any further questions. Have a nice day!

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

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On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:24 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks .. please let us know when this is complete – as we would like to deobligate the funds and put them on an existing Cision contract.

Thanks ng

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From: Brown, Rayna

Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:43 PM

To: Julia Cotrone <**Personal Email / Ex. 6**>

Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <**Personal Email / Ex. 6**>

Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response. I will generate a final bilateral modification to definitize Definers Corp's decision and will get it to you as quickly as possible. This forthcoming modification will serve as the final step and we can close this out. I will be in contact with you soon. Have a nice day.

Kind regards,

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On Dec 21, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Hi

I had sent the email below yesterday but am having difficulty finding in my email so I just wanted to resend to make sure you have and are aware.

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

Thanks

On Dec 20, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Julia Cotrone <[REDACTED] wrote:

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 10:45 PM, Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response and returning the signed subject modification. In terms of additional steps necessary to officially end the process will involve whether or not Definers Corp wants to assert its rights under FAR 52.212-4 (l) terms and conditions—see an excerpt of the applicable clause language below. If Definers Corp is seeking, as a matter of its right, the payment of money arising under or relating to this purchase order and termination, then please submit in writing to me as the Contracting Officer with a level of detail consistent with the FAR 52.212-4 and sufficient for a Contracting Officer to determine that the costs were fair, reasonable, allowable, allocable and the facts justify the requested recovery of costs in a termination settlement (e.g. demonstrates that all reasonable steps were taken to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order). A final bilateral modification will be issued to definitize this aspect of the termination even if Definers Corp indicates that no costs will be claimed under the order and/or pursuant to the termination.

Please notify me of Definer Corp's intent regarding this matter and the Government will act accordingly. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thank you kindly and have a great day!

FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items.

(l) Termination for the Government's convenience. The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, **the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the**

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Kind regards,

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:] **Personal Email / Ex. 6**
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:09 PM
To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
Cc: **Personal Email / Ex. 6**; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definerscorp.com>
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Attached is signed copy of PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ (7 pages). See page 2 for signature as requested.

Please let us know if there are any additional steps we need to take on our end to complete this process. Otherwise please let us know when this process is 100% completed.

Thank you!

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 4:47 PM, Julia Cotrone < **Personal Email / Ex. 6** > wrote:

Received

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 3:45 PM, Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Contractor: Definers Corp

Purchase Order No.: EP-18-H-000025

Purchase Order Modification No.: P00001

Purchase Order Title: News Analysis Service

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Thank you and have a nice day! ☺

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 12/26/2017 9:24:08 PM
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

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Purchase Order No.: EP-18-H-000025

Purchase Order Modification No.: P00001

Purchase Order Title: News Analysis Service

Subject: Unilateral Modification No. P00001

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Thank you and have a nice day! ☺

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Cc: Long, Brian[Long.Brian@epa.gov]
From: Marusak, Kirk
Sent: Mon 3/26/2018 1:36:04 PM
Subject: Important - FOIA Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002788 and EPA-HQ-2018-003122 - Email Messages - Need Your Response - Thank You

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From: Marusak, Kirk

Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 2:19 PM

To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>

Subject: FOIA Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002788 and EPA-HQ-2018-003122 - Email Messages - Need Your Response - Thank You

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Cc: McLean, Sarsah[McLean.Sarsah@epa.gov]; Madison, Tommie[Madison.Tommie@epa.gov]; Scott, Elaine[Scott.Elaine@epa.gov]
From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Tue 12/19/2017 5:07:14 PM
Subject: FYI >> CO just informed Definers Corp. of intent to issue a modification to cancel the award EP-18-H-000025

Hello all,

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From: Wilson, Jessica
Sent: Tue 12/19/2017 3:04:26 PM
Subject: Definers Corp

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From: Russ Choma [Personal Email / Ex. 6]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers Corp

Hi Jessica,

My name is Russ Choma, I’m a reporter with *Mother Jones* magazine here in DC. I’m working on a story about an EPA contract with a company called Definers Corp. According to the contract’s record, you are the “last modified user”. I have a few questions I would like to ask – I can be reached at my office at [Personal Phone / Ex. 6], or through the Signal app at [Personal Phone / Ex. 6]. I appreciate any help you can give,

Thanks,

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To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
Cc: Dews, Donna[Dews.Donna@epa.gov]
From: Wilson, Jessica
Sent: Thur 12/7/2017 4:55:10 PM
Subject: FW: Documents Needed
[EPA - Quote 1001.pdf](#)
[Definers EPA Proposal 127.docx](#)

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: jpounder@definerscorp.com; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definerscorp.com>
Subject: Re: Documents Needed

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On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 3:52 PM, Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:] **Personal Email / Ex. 6**
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 3:33 PM

To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>

Cc: Personal Email / Ex. 6 Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Documents Needed

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On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 3:25 PM, Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:
Hi Julia C.

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:Personal Email / Ex. 6]

Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 3:11 PM

To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>

Cc: Personal Email / Ex. 6 Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>

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On Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 4:42 PM, Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

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To: Wilson, Jessica[Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov]
Cc: Dews, Donna[Dews.Donna@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Thur 12/7/2017 3:39:25 PM
Subject: FW: FW: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter
Definers EPA Proposal clipped.docx

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto: **Personal Email / Ex. 6**]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 4:47 PM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter

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On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 3:36 PM, Julia Cotrone <**Personal Email / Ex. 6**> wrote:

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On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 7:49 AM, Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto: **Personal Email / Ex. 6**]

Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 11:47 AM

To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>

Subject: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter

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To: Dews, Donna[Dews.Donna@epa.gov]
Cc: Gosnell, Jody[Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov]; Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]; Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]; Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wed 12/6/2017 2:40:06 PM
Subject: RE: Response to Sole Source Notification: 68HE0H18B0002

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From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Response to Sole Source Notification: 68HE0H18B0002
Importance: High

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From: Burt Squires - TechMIS [Personal Email / Ex. 6]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: Response to Sole Source Notification: 68HE0H18B0002
Importance: High

29 November 2017

Donna Dews
HPOD/US Environmental Protection Agency
William Jefferson Clinton Building
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Dews,

TechMIS LLC is submitting the following response to solicitation 68HE0H18B0002 posted on the FBO as a Sole Source Notification on 11/29/17. We have the capability to perform all functions described in this solicitation in house.

TechMIS, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), is a leader in media monitoring, knowledge management and systems engineering and has successfully provided high-level media monitoring and News Briefing support to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). Our human-prepared News Briefing products directly serve nearly 50,000 government employees daily.

We request that the Government not award this contract without competition. Additionally, the Government can expedite the award to TechMIS via our newly-awarded GSA Schedule Contract (MOBIS Schedule 874-1) or by issuing a sole-source award to TechMIS as a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) under FAR 19.1406.


GSA Contract Number: GS-00F-215GA
Contract Period: June 9, 2017 to June 8, 2022
874-1: Integrated Consulting Services

Any and all questions about this response should be addressed to the following: Burt Squires, Vice President of TechMIS LLC at 12208 Woodlands Circle, Dade City, FL 33525. Mr. Squires has both signature and negotiation authority for this response. Mr. Squires can be contacted at 717-324-1342 or via email at burt.squires@techmis.com.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Mains'.

Steven Mains, PhD
CEO & Managing Partner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Burton J. Squires'.

Burton J. Squires
Vice President & Partner

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Harvey Glasgow
Controller, FSO & Partner

To: Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]; Dews, Donna[Dews.Donna@epa.gov]
Cc: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 12/6/2017 1:13:12 PM
Subject: FW: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 1:43 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>

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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 8:50 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 6:53 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
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On Dec 1, 2017, at 6:50 PM, Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>;

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From: Gosnell, Jody

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:17 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

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From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:02 AM

To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:56 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:29 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 12:14 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

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From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:53 AM

To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:52 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

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From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:50 AM

To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

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From: Gosnell, Jody

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 3:28 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

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From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 7:51 AM

To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 8:32 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:28 PM

To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

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From: Lynn, Tricia

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:48 AM

To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:48 AM

To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>

Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
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Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Dews, Donna
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To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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Cc: Plater, Lottie[Plater.Lottie@epa.gov]
From: Scott, Elaine
Sent: Tue 1/9/2018 8:07:08 PM
Subject: RE: PROPOSED OAM RESPONSE + DOCUMENTS >> RE: REQUEST FOR YOU IMMEDIATE ACTION Re: Congressional - Oversight request on Definers Inc. contract
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Rayna,

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Thank you for your efforts in helping to get this issue resolved.

Elaine

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From: Brown, Rayna
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Hello Lottie,

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** Donna Dews
** Jody Gosnell
** Michael Quarles
** Elaine Scott
** Jessica Wilson

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you

Kind regards,

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 8, 2018, at 8:41 PM, Vaughn, Celia <Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Hello Keith,

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> Thank you in advance for your immediate response.

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> Kimberly, Pam and Celia,

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> Thank you and Happy New Year!
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> Hi Marian and Matt – We are working to respond to a couple oversight requests about a contract (now canceled) with Definers Inc. to provide news analysis services to OPA. We worked with OPA to draft the attached response, but will need some help from OAM as well.

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> Please let me know if COB Wednesday (1/10) would be reasonable for this.
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> I'm of course happy to talk to OAM directly if you could put me in touch with the right folks.
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> Thanks,
> Kyle
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Subject: PEER and Southerland v. EPA Production Set for Review
FW: Request for concurrent OPA and OW review for EPA-HQ-2018-000174
[PEER and Southerland v. EPA Complaint 1.18cv772 04.05.2018.pdf](#)

Good afternoon, Beth.

Below is a link to a proposed production for PEER and Elizabeth Southerland v. EPA, Case No. 1:18-cv-772 (the complaint is attached for reference). I will also send you a direct link to the one drive folder immediately following this email.

We have not yet discussed **Deliberative Process /attorney-client Ex. 5**; however, Lynn Zipf for the Office of Water had already completed the search, collection, and review of records, and Nancy Grantham had completed the OPA equity review on the original production set at the time the lawsuit was filed. Emails from Lynn suggest that you may have had an opportunity to review a portion of the records as well.

I have reviewed the records that OW prepared to release, and **Deliberative Process /attorney-client Ex. 5**
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I can provide additional detail on **Deliberative Process /attorney-client Ex. 5** if you or Nancy are
Deliberative Process /attorney-client Ex. 5 I do not think that Nancy needs to re-review, but she is welcome to do so.

Nancy also mentioned in the attached email that **Deliberative Process /attorney-client Ex. 5** I'll defer to you and Nancy on that point. However, I will note that **Deliberative Process /attorney-client Ex. 5**

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Please let me know if you have any questions or if you have any difficulty accessing the OneDrive records. I can also provide access to additional reviewers.

Thanks,

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Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable John Shimkus

1. **OECA** This committee was instrumental in developing the Electronic Hazardous Waste Manifest Act of 2012, which requires EPA to replace the outdated paper documents with a new electronic system for tracking all hazardous waste shipments.
 - a. What are some of the other ways the hazardous waste program could be improved, particularly in terms of the elimination of duplicative and unnecessary regulations?
 - b. Is EPA pursuing any of these efforts?
2. **OAR** The previous Administration attempted to regulate farms and agricultural processors by saying that its 2009 Endangerment Finding regulated “biogenic” CO2 from agricultural crops. I understand The Endangerment Finding, however, never mentions the word “biogenic.”
 - a. Do you intend to look at this interpretation of the Endangerment Finding?
 - b. If so, would you view it in terms of whether EPA overreached to regulate natural CO2 from U.S. farms?
3. **OAR** On October 17, 2017, EPA's Air Enforcement Division sent a letter to the Ozone Transport Commission stating that the agency "agrees that the 1986 policy on aftermarket catalytic converter emissions is outdated."
 - a. What steps are being taken to update this policy?
 - b. Does the Agency have a timeline for this process?
4. There has been concern that EPA’s regional offices enforce their authority differently from each other and Headquarters guidance. Do you intend to bring alignment among EPA Headquarters and the Regions?

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5. **OLEM** The Administration’s budget request zeroed out the funding to the Department of Justice for superfund-related enforcement activities and for cost recovery efforts for the superfund program. If the goal is to get more sites cleaned up and to speed up cleanups, that seems like an odd budget request since DOJ brings money back into the federal coffers from superfund polluters – can you explain to us why the president's budget request would zero out those funds?

6. **OLEM** On December 1, 2017 EPA issued a decision not to do a final rule regarding financial assurance requirements for the hard rock mining sector. Can you tell us what the status is of the 108(b) rule making for the other industry sectors that are next in line [chemical manufacturing, petroleum and coal products manufacturing, and the electric power generation, transmission, and distribution]?
7. **OLEM** EPA announced that it could be a year before it can start cleanup of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits, which sprung a leak during Hurricane Harvey flooding. Is that because EPA officials are in the process of negotiating with responsible parties to pay for the \$115 million project?
 - a. Does EPA have a plan to address the leaking cap in the meantime?
 - b. It was also announced that once the cleanup process starts, it is expected to take about 27 months. What safeguards will EPA put in place to ensure that more damage to the cap does not occur before the removal can be completed?
8. **OGC** Administrator Pruitt, in October you announced a new policy of the Agency regarding the use of settlements to circumvent the regulatory process and indicated that EPA “will no longer go behind closed doors and use consent decrees and settlement agreements to resolve lawsuits filed against the Agency.” The issue of “sue and settle” and the ability of special interest groups to use deadline lawsuits to force EPA to issue regulations that advance their priorities on a specified timeframe has long been a concern of this Subcommittee.
 - a. As you noted in your statement about the new policy, “‘sue and settle’ cases establish Agency obligations without participation by states and/or the regulated community; foreclose meaningful public participation in rulemaking; effectively force the Agency to reach certain regulatory outcomes; and, cost the American taxpayer millions of dollars.” Has the Agency started implementing the changes?
 - b. There has been some pushback on your sue and settle proposal. How do you respond to the people, many of whom are former EPA attorneys, who say that the policy “discourages settlements when they would have been appropriate and increases agency costs?”
 - c. How do you differentiate between the negative aspects of sue and settle [lack of transparency etc. . .] and the positive? For example, regulated entities and EPA often reach agreement on a cleanup or enforcement issue, enter a settlement, and then file a lawsuit seeking court approval and enforcement of the settlement. Is your new “sue and settle” policy agency-wide? And is it a mandate to not use sue and settle in ways that shorten the administrative time it takes to get a cleanup or resolution of an enforcement action?
9. **OLEM** When was the last time EPA listed a Federal facility on the National Priorities List (NPL)?

- a. If a site scores high enough to rank on the Hazard Ranking System (HRS), will EPA list the Federal facility on the NPL?
 - b. How does OMB factor into the decision about whether to list a Federal facility on the NPL?
 - c. What if a Federal facility ranks on the HRS and the State in which it is located requests that the Federal facility be added to the NPL, will EPA list the Federal facility?
10. **OLEM/OGC** How do you reconcile Executive Order 12580 when it gives the polluter who is also the person paying for the cleanup, the right to make all of the decisions with respect to the remedy with no oversight from EPA?
11. **OLOEM** How will EPA build consistency into how the Regions manage CERCLA cleanups?
12. **OLOEM** What is the timing for the issuance of the Record of Decision for the Westlake Landfill in Bridgeton, Missouri?
13. **OLOEM** The Superfund Task Force conducted a 30-day review of the program and released 42 recommendations in July. The Task Force reemphasized long accepted concepts that are necessary to ensure remedies are consistent nationwide, data-driven, and efficient – such as adaptive management, early actions, technical oversight, and strengthening partnerships with stakeholders. You also revised the delegation of authority procedures to require that remedies potentially totaling more than \$50 million must receive approval from the Administrator, which will help promote regional accountability.
 - a. How have you been implementing the recommendations of the Task Force at sites with existing Records of Decision and how will you implement the recommendations with new cleanups?
 - b. How will EPA ensure that Regional offices closely follow the principles set forth by the Agency’s 2005 Sediment Guidance and the National Contingency Plan?
 - b. Since many of the Task Force’s recommendations require further action, what is your timeline and plan for next steps?

The Honorable David McKinley

1. **OAR** Mr. Administrator - when EPA finalized the “coal ash” regulations, they adopted in the self-implementing rule a “one-size-fits-all” approach that does not allow for the consideration of site specific, risk-based factors.

I appreciate that EPA has committed to reconsider elements of the rule. The timing of these revisions is critical to ensure that the power sector has regulatory certainty.

- a. Can you provide an update on how this process is going?
2. **OP/OAR** As you know, a federal district court ordered EPA in January this year to begin to implement section 321 of the clean air act. This provision from the late 1970s provides that the administrator “shall conduct continuing evaluation of potential loss or shifts in employment...”
 - a. What are your plans for implementing this provision? What can you tell us about your timeline?
 - b. Will you work with me to identify whether statutory changes will help make for a more useful and transparent section 321 program?
3. **OAR** Small refineries have an inherent hardship in complying with the renewable fuel standards. These refineries do not have the ability to pass the rin cost on to their customers. It would put them at a competitive disadvantage to do so.

Congress has clearly stated its intent regarding this.

- a. What is the agency doing to address streamlining and improving the hardship petition process?
4. **OAR** Mr. Administrator – we understand that one of your objectives at EPA is a revised federalism, including providing the states with a greater partnership role with EPA in administering and implementing environmental laws in the respective states. Congress’ recent enactment of the wiin act – which allows the states to implement the federal coal combustion residual – or “coal ash” – rules in lieu of the federal rule – is a perfect example of this philosophy and provides your administration with the opportunity to put this goal into action.

Unfortunately, however, we have heard from some of the states that EPA has been slow in reviewing and approving state program applications to operate the ccr rule in lieu of EPA. Indeed, we understand that not a *single* state application has been deemed complete by EPA, which is necessary to allow for the formal review process to begin.

- a. Can we get some assurances from you that the agency will accelerate this process?
5. **OAR** The EPA's Air Enforcement Division sent an October 17 letter to the Ozone Transport Commission stating it "agrees that the 1986 [aftermarket catalytic converter emissions] policy is outdated." We encourage you to look into this issue. U.S. manufacturing jobs are threatened and U.S. consumers are already being harmed by this outdated policy.

Are you aware of how U.S. manufacturers of aftermarket catalytic converters are being severely impacted by an outdated EPA policy guidance that guides the industry?”

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn

1. **OAR** An Obama-EPA rule from 2016 would have required glider kit vehicles – which are made with *old* engines, and are not new vehicles – to comply with Phase 2 EPA greenhouse gas emission standards that were targeted solely for *new* vehicles and engines. This rule would have had a devastating impact on the state of Tennessee, resulting in a loss of \$512 million-dollars in economic output and a loss of 947 jobs. The rule would have been particularly harmful for small businesses that create and sell refurbished trucks using glider kits, providing an alternative in the medium and heavy-duty truck market that is 25% less expensive than buying a new truck. Mr. Pruitt, I want to thank you on behalf of the hundreds of Tennesseans who still have their jobs because of your common-sense action to reverse the previous administration’s meritless and radical position.
 - a. Following up on that, do you agree that the needs of small business job creators should be taken into account when setting regulations that impact industries dominated by small businesses?
 - b. What can we do as a legislative body to ensure future abuses such as these do not take place again?
 - c. Can you discuss some of your efforts to reconsider regulations that pose an undue burden on small businesses?
2. **OP/OGC** In accordance with the President’s Executive Order 13777, your Agency began a process of reviewing EPA regulations in need of reform because they eliminate or inhibit job creation, are outdated, ineffective, or unnecessary, impose costs that exceed benefits, or create legal inconsistencies.
 - a. What is the status of this review?
 - b. What are your planned next steps?
 - c. What timeline do you envision for implementing the recommendations?
3. **OAR** On November 30, 2017, EPA finalized volume requirements under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program for 2018 for cellulosic biofuel, biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel, and biomass-based diesel for 2019. The 2007 law shaping the RFS required EPA to study and report to Congress on whether the RFS will adversely impact air quality. To date, EPA has never completed that study. EPA was also required to report to Congress on the RFS’ impacts to the environment and resource conservation every three years. To date, EPA has issued only one report – in December 2011. Administrator Pruitt, when can Congress expect the EPA to comply with the law and provide the necessary studies?

The Honorable Gregg Harper

1. **OLEM** Mississippi is home to a significant forest products industry. The EPA, under the Obama Administration, drafted and imposed a wood products procurement regulation that allows only for Forest Stewardship Council – or FSC – certified products to be purchased by the government, which bars the purchase of products certified by other credible forest certification standards, such as the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) or Sustainable Forestry Initiative. This regulation, which is now under review, excludes a significant number of family forest owners in the United States with homegrown products certified by other reputable standards. 1) Could you please provide a status update on the current review process? 2) What potential changes can be made to improve this policy that currently puts American forest owners at a disadvantage?
2. **OW** In the 113th Congress, EPA was provided discretion over the allocation of approximately \$12.7 million in annually appropriated EPA technical assistance funding. The EPA used the discretion to eliminate the two full-time circuit rider technical assistance positions in Mississippi and other states. In response to concern raised by my rural and small community water constituents, I introduced legislation to reauthorize and direct the technical assistance funding to where it is most helpful. Senator Wicker’s companion bill was signed into law in 2015. I appreciate EPA’s July 25, 2017, response to a June 9, 2017, Senate letter in which EPA committed to following the intent of the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act (PL 114-98). 1) Could you please provide an update on implementation of the law and the possibility of the two-full time circuit rider technical assistance positions being re-established in Mississippi?

The Honorable Bill Johnson

1. **OAR** As is true in a lot of areas around the country, job creators in my district are having a difficult time obtaining New Source Review air permits in order to build or upgrade manufacturing facilities or power plants, which is hurting our local economy and employment opportunities. And, as the recent DOE report on electricity markets and grid reliability further emphasizes, “NSR creates an unnecessary burden that discourages... investments in efficiency because of the additional expenditures and delays associated with the permitting process”.
 - a. Do you agree that issuing New Source Review permits takes too long and is unnecessarily complex?
 - b. What is EPA doing to assess the impact of current NSR review requirements on decisions to modernize facilities and power plants?

- c. What reforms may EPA make administratively to improve the New Source Review permitting program so that we can continue to improve air quality and achieve economic growth?

The Honorable Kevin Cramer

1. **OAR** After 2022, EPA is required to set volumes for total renewable fuel, advanced biofuel, cellulosic biofuel, and biomass based diesel. The assumption is the total renewable fuel volume would contain some amount of conventional biofuel. The statute, however, does not set a minimum amount for conventional biofuel because it does not specify a minimum volume for the total renewable fuel. Thus, EPA could set the total renewable fuel volume as the same as the advanced biofuel volume.
 - a. Does the current statute have a specific requirements for corn-based ethanol until 2022?
 - b. Does the statute require a minimum volume of total renewable fuel for each year following 2022?
 - c. Is it your belief that after 2022, the RFS gives significant preference to advanced biofuels over conventional corn-based ethanol?
2. **OAR** The implied mandate for corn-based ethanol is set at 15 billion gallons until 2022. As the statute is written today, do you view this 15 billion gallons as a ceiling or a floor?
 - a. If floor: What in the statute leads you to believe the RFS will require more than 15 billion gallons of corn-based ethanol?
3. **OAR** The prior Administration proposed the Renewable Enhancement and Growth Support (REGS) Rule in 2016 and took comment on the potential for capturing RINS from renewable electricity used to charge electric vehicles.
 - a. Where does this proposal currently stand?
 - b. Is the EPA planning to continue to finalize the REGS Rule?
4. **OAR** A number of ethanol producers in my state have talked to me at length about the benefits of high-octane fuels which are said to provide substantial engine efficiency benefits. They indicated a wealth of information has been provided to the EPA in support of such a fuel with 30 percent ethanol.
 - a. Can automakers now certify their engines on these fuels?
 - b. If not, why not? If so, what is the process?

The Honorable Tim Walberg

1. **OLEM** Administrator Pruitt, one of the priorities of this Subcommittee has long been to, where appropriate, give more authority to the states and it has been suggested that there are aspects of the Superfund program that would be better handled by the states.
 - a. What are your thoughts on delegating portions of the CERCLA cleanup authority to states that can demonstrate the ability to conduct certain superfund cleanups?
2. **OCSPP** At present, there are no standard EPA methods for analyzing PFAS in environmental media, but EPA officials have stated the agency will have draft methods for water and solids by fall 2017. For the purpose of Michigan's continued engagement on this critical issue, as well as the betterment of EPA's developing approach to addressing PFAS nationwide, when do you expect these methodologies will be complete?
3. **OW** The EPA issued a drinking water health advisory for PFAS in May 2016, however, the advisory is non-enforceable and non-regulatory. Do you foresee changes to EPA's role in regulating PFAS contamination at the national level?
4. **OAR** In the Motor Fuels Act of 1988 Congress established a variety of alternate fuel incentives to be used by NHTSA in the administration of the CAFE fuel economy regulations. EPA originally used the same statutory incentives as NHTSA therefore vehicle emissions and fuel economy incentives were harmonized. But in 2012, under the previous administration, EPA diverged from this harmonization by favoring electric vehicles over other alternative fuel vehicles thereby nullifying Congressional intent. Do you think it would be good policy for EPA to return to its previous approach and harmonizing its emissions incentives with NHTSA's fuel economy incentives?

The Honorable Buddy Carter

1. **OAR** The EPA issued a review of the Phase 2 Greenhouse Gas Rule for Medium and Heavy-Duty Trucks and in November the EPA issued a statement on the review of glider kits. However, we haven't seen any announcements about progress with truck trailers. Are you currently reviewing trailers as part of the rule and if so, what is the status? Please provide an update on the rulemaking process and any progress that has been made.
2. **OLEM** Which recommendations from the Super Fund Task Force have been implemented?
3. **OLEM** The EPA recently announced the full or partial removal of Superfund sites from the National Priorities List. How many cleanups will the EPA pursue in 2018 and what will those be?
4. **OLEM** In June, the EPA announced an interim remedy for the Superfund site located at Terry Creek in my district. What is the status of that effort?

5. **OLEM** This committee has been looking to make sensible reforms to the program. Are there any legislative actions that this committee would need to take to aid in reforming the program?

The Honorable Michael Burgess

1. **OGC/OECA** In my State of Texas, we have become too familiar with the EPA making examples of a few people to scare everyone else into compliance. Could you explain why you are intentionally moving away from heavy handed regulatory treatment and moving more toward building partnerships with States and industry to improve the environment?
2. **OP** Some of your critics view the EPA as if it's a factory; where success is measured by the quantity of rules issued, grants passed out, or enforcement cases brought. Rarely do people size up EPA by compliance achieved or improvements in the environment. What goals, budgetary or otherwise, are you setting for individual programs and what metrics are being used to measure progress or success of an office or program?
3. **OLEM/OECA/OGC** I'd also like to touch on the spill at the Gold King Mine. Shortly after the spill occurred there, I visited the mine to observe the impact myself and was shocked by the severe the damage was at that time. Could you please provide me an update on the situation there and the status of the claims brought by the victims?
4. **OARM** EPA's authority to use the Title 42 hiring authority derives from an appropriations rider and not legislation originating from either the House Energy & Commerce or Senate Environment & Public Works Committees. Does the EPA intend to continue to use Title 42 to hire and pay new and existing employees under this authority?
 - a. Does EPA intend to formally ask the authorizing committees for special hiring authority or will it continue to base its authority on the appropriations rider?
 - b. Has EPA ever formally or informally requested such authority from the authorizing committees? If so, when?
 - c. Has the EPA ever proposed language similar to the Title 42 hiring authority be included in any of its authorizing legislation?
 - d. Does EPA intend to continue to request that the Appropriations Committee include this rider in future appropriations legislation?
 - e. Does EPA intend to ask the Appropriations Committee for any increase to the currently allowed number of employees it may pay under Title 42?

The Honorable Frank Pallone

Superfund:

OLEM During the hearing, you suggested that you proposed cutting the budget for Superfund cleanups because more money is not needed. You also said that there are very few orphan sites, meaning sites that will require public cleanup funds. However, in 2015, the Government Accountability Office found that as federal funding for cleanups has declined, the number of construction completions and remedial action completion declined while the number of National Priority List sites remained constant. In other words, less money buys fewer needed cleanups.

1. How many sites, exactly, on the National Priority List require public cleanup funds?

Environmental Justice:

OP/OLEM Since the issuance of Executive Order 12898 in 1994, EPA has been required to incorporate the goal of environmental justice into its mission. As part of that executive order, and in keeping with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, EPA is required to ensure all of its activities that affect human health and the environment do not directly or indirectly discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

2. What are you doing to ensure that EPA's response and recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands comply with the Executive Order on environmental justice and the Civil Rights Act?

OP/OLEM Environmental justice is also a serious concern in the Agency's response to Hurricane Harvey because of disparities between communities affected by that storm.

3. What have you been doing to ensure that EPA's response and recovery efforts in Texas comply with the Executive Order on environmental justice and the Civil Rights Act?
4. What direction, if any, have you given to your Regional Administrators and other regional staff with regard to ensuring environmental justice in EPA's hurricane response? Please provide any memoranda or email correspondence you or your staff have sent to regional staff on the subject of environmental justice and hurricane response.
5. Who on your staff is tasked with coordinating response efforts across the regions to ensure equal treatment for the people of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands?

OP/OGC Since assuming your position as Administrator, you have delayed or abandoned numerous rules and regulations that would have protected vulnerable communities.

6. Do you believe that your decision to abandon EPA's proposed ban of the dangerous pesticide chlorpyrifos complies with the Executive Order on environmental justice and the Civil Rights Act?
7. Do you believe that your decision to delay the important amendments to the Risk Management Planning program complies with the Executive Order on environmental justice and the Civil Rights Act?

8. Do you believe that your actions delaying notifying communities that are out of attainment with the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard complies with the Executive Order on environmental justice and the Civil Rights Act?
9. Do you believe that your decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan complies with the Executive Order on environmental justice and the Civil Rights Act?
10. Do you believe that your decision to delay revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule complies with the Executive Order on environmental justice and the Civil Rights Act?

Management of Toxic Pesticides:

11. **OCSPP** Documents reveal that Monsanto employees may have ghostwritten scientific papers on glyphosate, including papers published in the journal *Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology*, which has an editorial board populated by industry scientists, lawyers and consultants with clear financial ties to the chemical industry. Has EPA relied on those studies in its evaluation of glyphosate?
12. **OCSPP** Did EPA rely on studies from that journal in its decision to deny the petition to ban chlorpyrifos?
13. **OCSPP** In 2015, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) agreed with recommendations from GAO¹ that glyphosate monitoring should be done, but subsequently suspended its efforts to conduct that monitoring.² Documents suggest that this decision may have been made under pressure from an EPA employee working with Monsanto. Please provide any email or other correspondence between EPA employees and FDA employees regarding glyphosate monitoring.
14. **OCSPP** EPA's March 30 decision on chlorpyrifos will allow continued use of this dangerous pesticide on golf courses. Did trade associations representing the Trump Organization golf courses, or lobbyists who represent the Trump Organization, communicate with EPA, the White House, or the Trump transition team regarding the March 30 decision or chlorpyrifos in general?

Transparency:

OP/OGC Nearly thirty-five years ago, in his landmark "Fishbowl Memo," Administrator Ruckelshaus announced that he would release his appointment calendar on a weekly basis, and he directed the Deputy Administrator and all Assistant Administrators, Associate Administrators, Regional Administrators, and Staff Office Directors to do the same. Administrator Ruckelshaus emphasized that "EPA will not accord privileged status to any special interest group" and that the

¹ U.S. Government Accountability Office, "Food Safety: FDA and USDA Should Strengthen Pesticide Residue Monitoring Programs and Further Disclose Monitoring Limitations" (Nov. 6, 2014).

² Gillam, C. *FDA Suspends Testing for Glyphosate Residues in Food* (Nov. 11, 2016) (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/carey-gillam/fda-suspends-glyphosate-r_b_12913458.html)

public should be “fully aware of [top officials’] contacts with interested persons.” In the intervening decades, Administrators serving under both Democratic and Republican Administrations have upheld this practice. But your senior management team has yet to release its calendars, undermining agency transparency and raising questions about who may be accessing and influencing top EPA officials. EPA has recently provided the public with a “summary” of your calendar, and provided some heavily redacted records of your calendar through March 31. But the agency still has not released the actual records of your daily calendars since March, despite numerous FOIA requests for them.

15. Will you commit to making your schedule public on a regular basis, so that Congress, the press, and ordinary Americans can see who you are meeting with?
16. Will you commit to directing your senior officials to release their calendars on a regular basis?

OEI/OGC We are also concerned about delays in EPA’s response to FOIA requests under your administration. EPA’s failure to meet the deadlines specified in the Freedom of Information Act results in legal violations, which then subject EPA to repeated lawsuits.

17. Given the legal expenses and waste of resources caused by EPA’s failure to comply with FOIA deadlines, do you agree that EPA should streamline the review process for release of documents to eliminate any unnecessary steps, such as multiple levels of document review?
18. Do you think it is appropriate for political appointees and advisors to hold up the release of document for further review, even when documents have already been determined to be public documents not subject to FOIA exemptions by FOIA officers and FOIA attorney advisors?
19. Why would it be necessary for the documents to undergo a political review if they are public documents under the law?
20. It appears that EPA has now adopted a policy of responding to FOIA requests based only or primarily on the date of the request, regardless of the type of information requested, the simplicity of the request, or the relevance of the information to the public. Is that correct?
21. If not, please describe in detail the criteria that EPA is now using to prioritize processing FOIA requests?
22. Given EPA’s large backlog, under your current approach, how long will it be before you respond to a substantial number of requests regarding your tenure and release documents generated during your tenure (besides those documents that EPA releases when a lawsuit is filed)? Please provide an estimate in weeks, months, or years.
23. Will you establish a policy of responding to new FOIA requests on an ongoing basis, rather than relegating them to the back of the line and without waiting to be sued on each request?

OGC It has been reported that you and other political appointees have directed staff to avoid creating public records that could be subject to FOIA requests, such as directing staff to provide

internal policy decisions orally instead of by electronic mail or directing staff not to take notes in meetings.

24. Do you agree that EPA is required to create and maintain records that document the formulation of the agency's decisions, and the people and matters dealt with by the agency, so that proper scrutiny by Congress and other agencies is possible?
25. Have you or other political employees provided any direction to staff that could discourage them from creating such records?

Contract with Definers Public Affairs:

OPA/OGC On the day you testified before Energy and Commerce, EPA entered into a no-bid contract with Definers Public Affairs to provide “news analysis and brief service focusing on EPA work and other topics of interest to EPA.”³ The awarding of this contract without full and open competition to a company with no apparent experience in providing these services to a Federal agency is concerning, as are the political lobbying activities of the firm. Though Definers recently terminated the contract with EPA, we have outstanding questions regarding EPA’s selection of Definers and whether the Contract was an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

26. What was your role in selecting Definers for this award? In addition to yourself, which EPA political appointees were involved in selecting Definers? Please provide all communications between yourself and all other EPA political appointees and any Definers representative between February 17, 2017 and December 7, 2017.
27. Were you or other EPA political appointees aware of the FOIA requests filed by Definers employees against individual agency employees before the contract was awarded? Were those FOIA requests considered in the identification of Definers as a potential candidate for the Contract, or a factor in ultimately awarding the Contract?
28. Was Definers, AmericaRising, or any of their agents involved in creating or funding the website ConfirmPruitt.com?
29. Were you, any of your agents, or any current EPA employees involved in generating or reviewing the content of the website ConfirmPruitt.com, or providing or raising funds for the site? Did any representative of Definers, America Rising, or America Rising Squared generate or review content for the website?
30. What work did Definers perform for EPA pursuant to the contract? Please provide a list of all services performed by Definers for EPA during the duration of the contract, including the date, the service provided, time required, the itemized cost, and the name of the Definers employee who performed the work. What was the total amount of taxpayer funds EPA paid Definers during the duration of the contract? Please provide copies of all communications between EPA and any representative of Definers, America Rising, America Rising Squared, and the Need to Know Network during calendar year 2017.

³ EPA Award Number EP18H000025 to Definers Corps. (Dec. 7, 2017)

31. On December 10, the New York Times published an article identifying an alarming decrease in enforcement actions brought by the EPA during your administration.⁴ EPA issued an unusual press release in response, which has since been removed from the agency website but continues to be cited by conservative media sources. What role did Definers play in the agency's response to the December 10th article? Provide any correspondence between EPA and any representative of Definers, America Rising, America Rising Squared, and the Need to Know Network regarding the December 10th article.
32. What firewalls were in place in the contract with Definers Corp to ensure that Definers firewalled the media monitoring services provided under the Contract from its services that would violate the Publicity or Propoganda Prohibition and Anti-Lobbying provisions?
33. Please provide a copy of the contract between EPA and Definers Corp. including any statement of work.

Enforcement:

OECA As noted above, on December 10, the New York Times published an article identifying an alarming decrease in enforcement actions during your administration. Specifically, their analysis shows your EPA has brought one quarter fewer cases than President George W. Bush's EPA and one-third fewer cases than President Barack Obama's EPA over comparable periods. The analysis also shows that you have sought significantly smaller amounts in civil penalties.

34. Can you explain why EPA has pursued fewer enforcement cases under your leadership?
35. Please describe any complaints you have received from communities/others who have been seeking, but apparently failing to receive relief from EPA from polluters?
36. Have you been asked by anyone in industry to change EPA's enforcement policies?
37. If so, please describe those conversations.
38. Can you explain any changes you have made to testing procedures and policies (e.g. requests for information) permitted by your regional offices, enforcement officers or other EPA staff, why those changes were made and what effect they have had on enforcement?

Co-Benefits of Air Rules:

OGC You have questioned EPA's prior evaluations of public health protections that have included "co-benefits" of deadly particulate matter.

39. Do you agree there is judicial precedent upholding EPA's approach to consider co-benefit pollution reductions?
40. Why or why not?

⁴ Eric Lipton and Danielle Ivory, *Under Trump, EPA has Slowed Actions Against Polluters, and Put Limits on Enforcement Officers*, New York Times, (Dec. 10, 2017), <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/10/us/politics/pollution-epa-regulations.html>

41. Are you planning to seek legal review of this matter?
42. Are you planning to try to change the way co-benefits, like PM2.5, are counted or considered in EPA rulemakings?
43. If so, why and what evidence do you have to support such a change?

Ozone:

OAR For the 2015 Ozone rule, the Clean Air Act required all states and Tribes to submit attainment designation recommendations by October 1, 2016, and EPA was required to finalize area designations a year after. On November 6, the agency issued attainment designations for those areas that meet the 2015 standard, however EPA failed to release any nonattainment designations. In response to questions about EPA missing deadlines associated with the 2015 Ozone rule, you said the delay was due to “information that has not been provided by the states.”

44. Please provide a list of all states or Tribes who have not submitted designation recommendations to EPA for the 2015 Ozone standard. What information is still outstanding from these states or Tribes?
45. To date, has EPA notified any states or Tribes that it intends to modify any of their recommended designations? Please provide the Committee with a list of these states or Tribes, and copies of the notice provided by EPA.
46. Have you been in contact with any industry representatives or states about delaying the implementation of the 2015 Ozone standard as it relates to finalizing the remaining designations? If so, please describe the nature of your meetings and communications.
47. The Unified Regulatory Agenda included a reference to using “additional time afforded by the designations extension to finalize necessary guidance” related to the 2015 Ozone standards. However, after legal challenges from states and others, you walked back your effort to delay implementation of these standards.
 - a. Can you clarify what “extension” this refers to in the Unified Agenda?
 - b. Why would EPA need an extension to issue remaining designations?
48. When can we expect EPA to issue the remaining designations?
49. Who is on the Ozone Compliance Task Force, and what is its roll in implementing the 2015 Ozone standard? Please provide the Committee with a list of participants, schedule, meetings, materials, and communications.

Climate Change:

50. **OAR** Federal courts have held that the quantity of emission reductions to be achieved is an important consideration in determining the “best system of emission reduction” for sources under section 111 of the Clean Air Act. What weight will you give to achieving significant emission reductions in considering a replacement for the Clean Power Plan?

OAR At the hearing you questioned the integrity of the rulemaking that led up to EPA’s December 2009 science-based finding that greenhouse gas pollution endangers public health and welfare. As you know, EPA received over 380,000 comments on the Endangerment Finding, responded to 10 petitions for reconsideration, and explained its determination in almost one thousand pages of documentation in the Federal Register and supporting technical documents. A three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit unanimously upheld that finding in 2012 against a barrage of legal challenges, finding that it was supported by ample evidence and that EPA had appropriately relied on authoritative analyses by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the U.S. government and other sources.

51. Please explain why you continue to question the process that led to the Endangerment Finding in light of this history and the D.C. Circuit’s decision?

OAR You recently stated that you intend to move forward imminently with a so-called “red team” exercise in which you will convene rival panels of scientists to debate climate science, just weeks after the Administration’s Global Change Research Program released a “Climate Science Special Report” confirming that human activities are “the dominant cause” of observed climate change, and that climate change is already having adverse impacts around the country. This report was authored by scientists from multiple Federal agencies, national laboratories, universities, and the private sector, and went through six stages of external review including review by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and an open public comment period.

52. Please explain why the “red team” exercise a good use of scarce Agency resources in light of the extraordinary research and review that the Administration invested in the CSSR?

Budget:

OCFO It was recently reported that officials at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention are being directed to not use seven words or phrases in official documents for the FY 2019 Budget. The forbidden words are “vulnerable,” “entitlement,” “diversity,” “transgender,” “fetus,” “evidence-based” and “science-based.”

53. Is EPA also barred from using “vulnerable,” “entitlement,” “diversity,” “transgender,” “fetus,” “evidence-based” or “science-based,” in official budget documents?
54. Does EPA have a list of forbidden words or phrases for official budget documents? If so, please provide the Committee with such list.

OCFO/OARM EPA has been experiencing a workforce reduction, including through the use of buy-outs.

55. Please detail the status of workforce reductions conducted to-date, during this administration, including overall net personnel reductions?
56. In what offices and programs have net reductions occurred?
57. Please detail the categories in which workforce reductions have occurred in 2017, such as buy-outs, other voluntary separations, reductions-in-force, etc.
58. In 2018, what additional workforce reductions are planned, assuming funding is available to accomplish them?
59. In which programs and offices are reductions planned?
60. What closures or other changes to the current EPA regional offices or labs are planned for 2018 or beyond?

The Honorable Paul Tonko

1. Travel to Morocco

OP On December 12, EPA issued a press release, “Administrator Pruitt Promotes Environmental Cooperation with U.S. Partners in Morocco.” While no members of the press accompanied you on this trip, it was reported that the purpose of the trip was to promote U.S. natural gas exports.

- a. Please provide an itinerary of your trip along with total estimated costs to U.S. taxpayers for you and any accompanying staff, including security details.
- b. How does promoting U.S. LNG exports fit into your “Back to Basics” agenda?
- c. What authority does EPA have related to the exportation, sale, or promotion of U.S. LNG?
- d. Please provide a list of companies, trade associations, or natural gas industry representatives that you or your staff have been in contact with regarding U.S. LNG exports. Please provide all records, communications, emails, meeting attendance or materials for any of these interactions.
- e. This trip was not publicly announced until EPA issued a press release once you had already arrived in Morocco. Moving forward, will you commit to publicly announcing all foreign and domestic trips prior to traveling?

2. Science at EPA

ORD/OAR In the draft FY 2018-2022 EPA Strategic Plan, you have promised to “prioritize robust science.” Under Objective 3.3 of the draft plan, you say that “EPA will identify, assess, conduct, and apply the best available science to address current and future environmental hazards, develop new approaches, and improve the scientific foundation for environmental protection decisions.”

- a. Do you commit to ensuring that the EPA's actions and policies are guided by the latest climate science, as reflected in Volume 1 of the Fourth National Climate Assessment (also known as the Climate Science Special Report or CSSR), and as described in statements and reports from the National Academy of Sciences?
- b. Do you agree with the CSSR's conclusion that "it is *extremely likely* that human influence has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century... For the warming over the last century, there is no convincing alternative explanation supported by the extent of the observational evidence"?
- c. Do you commit to making information about climate change prominently available on the EPA's website, alongside information about other critical issues related to human health and the environment?
- d. Regarding the October 31 Science Advisory Board directive, can you please provide specific examples of when an EPA grant recipient on an advisory committee provided conflicted advice?
- e. On October 22, the New York Times reported, "E.P.A. Cancels Talk on Climate Change by Agency Scientists." Why were EPA scientists prohibited from speaking at a Rhode Island conference on climate change?
- f. Moving forward, will EPA scientists have the opportunity to communicate publicly about their research?

3. **Advisors to the Administrator**

OP/OGC On December 13, it was reported that Dr. Michael Dourson withdrew his name to serve as Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

- a. In October, it was reported that Dr. Dourson was already working at the agency as an Adviser to the Administrator. Can you confirm whether Dr. Dourson has left the agency?
- b. If not, what are the roles and responsibilities of Dr. Dourson?
- c. What ethics or conflict of interest agreements apply or applied to Dr. Dourson in his role as Advisor to the Administrator?
- d. You testified that the October 31 Science Advisory Board directive was driven by a concern that "a perception or an appearance of a lack of independence in advising the Agency." Did any EPA leadership have a conversation or express concerns about the perception of conflict of interest from Dr. Nancy Beck's involvement in revising the TSCA framework rules after leaving a position with the American Chemistry Council?

4. **Enforcement Actions and Monitoring**

OCFO On December 10, the New York Times reported that EPA regional staff must seek authorization from HQ before asking companies to track their emissions. Monitoring is critical to ensure that the environmental and health gains that have been made in recent decades are not undone. Power generating facilities in the Midwest emit sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, which are the major precursors of acid rain which has caused the acidification of many Adirondack lakes and ponds.

- a. The Adirondack Lake Survey Corporation receives EPA funding for long-term monitoring of water quality recovery from acid rain. Do you support continuation of this long-term monitoring funding?

5. Hudson River Superfund Site

OLEM The State of New York has stated that the Hudson River PCB cleanup has not met the goals of the program, and that additional action is needed. Federal Natural Resource Trustees have also expressed concerns. The EPA Region II office does not appear to acknowledge the scientific basis of the state's and Trustee's analysis.

- a. Will EPA reconsider the recommendations of the Second Five-Year Review Report in light of the analysis done by the State and Trustee agencies?

6. OIG

OGC The Office of Inspector General (OIG) Semiannual Report: April 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017 raised a number of issues about interference with the OIG's independence. From that report:

"A second budget impediment occurred when the OIG submitted an FY 2019 request for \$62 million to the agency for inclusion in the President's budget. Without seeking input from the OIG, the agency provided us with a request of \$42 million. The agency informed the OIG that the Office of Management and Budget mandated budget requests Semiannual Report to Congress April 1, 2017—September 30, 2017 13 could not be more than a certain percentage above the President's FY 2018 budget. The EPA also informed the OIG that the \$42 million request would not change. The OIG submitted a memorandum to the Office of Management and Budget stating the OIG's original budget request, and explaining that the EPA's submitted budget did not reflect the OIG's desired funding levels and would have significant negative impacts on OIG operations."

- a. Do you believe a fully funded, independent Inspector General is necessary for EPA to run as an efficient and accountable agency?

7. IRIS

- a. **ORD** How do you view the role of IRIS relative to ensuring full implementation of the TSCA program?
- b. **ORD** Will you commit to fully supporting the IRIS program?

The Honorable Diana DeGette

1. **OAR** Methane is up to 34 times more potent a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide and makes up approximately ten percent of annual greenhouse gas emissions in the United States. Despite the harm methane can cause, the EPA has proposed delaying rules that would have curbed methane emissions from oil and gas industry sources. The proposed delay of the 2016 methane rule published in the Federal Register on June 16, 2017, states “the EPA believes that the environmental health or safety risk addressed by this action may have a disproportionate effect on children.”
 - a. Do you agree that children would be disproportionately affected by delaying methane emissions restrictions on the oil and gas industry?
 - b. What are the estimated costs of the health impact on children?
2. **OCSPP** During your testimony we discussed the decision on a final rule concerning methylene chloride use in paint stripper. You promised to review the status of the rule and provide an update soon after the hearing. Rules concerning N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) and trichloroethylene (TCE) were proposed at the same time. Prohibitions against certain uses of NMP and methylene chloride were removed from the Fall 2017 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions.
 - a. The Fall Unified Agenda was released on December 14, one week after your testimony before the committee. At what point was the decision made to remove the NMP and methylene chloride rules from the Unified Agenda?
 - b. When will EPA finalize the rules for TCE, NMP, and methylene chloride under TSCA?
 - c. What role did Michael Dourson have as an EPA adviser in determining the timeline for these rules?
3. **OLEM** In response to the explosion at the West Fertilizer Plant in Texas in 2013, EPA developed updates (the “Chemical Disaster Rule”) to Risk Management Plans (RMP) requirements. This update would have included common sense reforms, including improved accident prevention provisions and enhancements to emergency response preparation. In June 2017, the implementation of this rule was delayed. The rule had been in development for three years and was subject to more than 40,000 public comments.
 - a. During Hurricane Harvey, the Arkema Chemical plant in Crosby, Texas, experience fires due to a failure of emergency generators and backup cooling systems. First responders have filed suit against Arkema alleging that Arkema misrepresented the threat posed by chemicals at the site. A situation like this, where first responders

cannot adequately prepare to respond to emergencies at chemical production facilities, is the sort of circumstances that the Chemical Disaster Rule was designed to avoid. Have the events at the Arkema plant, where first responders were put at risk, caused you to reconsider the delay of the Chemical Disaster Rule?

- b. The proposed EPA budget for fiscal year 2018 reduced funding for inspection of sites under the RMP by 35 percent, straining a program that only has 30 inspectors for 12,500 sites. In light of the number of facilities that need to be inspected, the low frequency of inspection, and the specter of climate change related extreme weather events like Hurricane Harvey, do you still feel the cuts to the inspection program are prudent?
- 4. **OW/OCSPP** The Climax Molybdenum Mining company in Colorado has asked the state of Colorado to relax limits on molybdenum allowed in runoff from the Climax mine in Summit County Colorado. Molybdenum is on the Contaminant Candidate List 4 (CCL-4). It was also on the CCL-3. Currently, states have minimal guidance from the EPA on the potential hazards of molybdenum in drinking water.
 - a. Is EPA currently collecting data on the health or environmental impacts of molybdenum in drinking water?
 - b. Will molybdenum be part of the Regulatory Determination 4 process going forward?
- 5. **OLEM** For more than two years, I have been focused on addressing the environmental damage caused by the August 2015 release of toxic mine water from Gold King mine in San Juan County, Colorado.
 - a. I was glad to see the Bonita Peak Mining District (which includes Gold King mine) was included on the list EPA released on December 8, 2017, of sites targeted for “immediate, intense action.” Can you elaborate on the action EPA plans to take in the Bonita Peak Mining District and the expected timeline?
 - b. On December 17, 2017, the *Denver Post* reported on the success of cleanup efforts related to toxic Argentine Mine complex near Rico, Colorado. The article noted that the part of the success is that the private company legally responsible for cleaning up the site has invested “tens of millions of dollars” in the cleanup compared to less than \$5 million the EPA has invested in the cleanup of Gold King. What additional funding will EPA invest in the Gold King cleanup?
 - c. On October 19, 2017, the *Denver Post* reported that there is uncertainty regarding the ongoing costs association with the water treatment plant EPA is operating to clean up water from Gold King Mine. The annual cost of operating the plant is \$1.2 million and it produces toxic sludge while purifying the runoff. What is the EPA’s long-term plan for the plant costs?
 - d. What is the status of finding a permanent solution for the waste sludge from the plant?

The Honorable Jerry McNerney

1. **OAR** At the December 7th hearing, I stated that less than half of the U.S. population was included in the ozone designations laid out by the EPA. Though this statement was not made in the form of a question, Administrator Pruitt interjected, proclaiming that the lack of inclusion was due to missing information that needs to be submitted by states. However, on the EPA's website, there is [a full list of state recommendations](#) from 2015. Will the Administrator please explain his statement and what information is missing from which states?

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From: Knapp, Kristien
Sent: Mon 1/29/2018 2:55:03 PM
Subject: RE: Carper - Definers response
[Whitehouse News Analysis 1-29-18.docx](#)

Nancy – this is a clean version of the draft we’re currently working with. As a result of OGC’s review, we’ve Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Is OPA OK with us moving forward with this version? For signature later today.

Thanks,
Kristien

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 6:53 AM
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Per my earlier message

Thanks ng

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From: Knapp, Kristien
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 7:12 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Carper - Definers response

You may be able to ignore these earlier questions! IF you are OK with Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
See the attached clean version for what that would look like. Also, I’m attaching a redline from OGC. If you have a few minutes early on Monday, it would be good to talk through the draft Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

From: Knapp, Kristien
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 6:05 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Carper - Definers response

Nancy –

I’m working through OGC comments on the Definers response, which we’re trying to get out on Monday. I have a couple questions and wonder if you can help me get the answers.

- Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
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I know OARM can also help with these, but I thought you might know too.

Thanks,
Kristien

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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Cc: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Fri 1/5/2018 8:34:47 PM
Subject: RE: EPA contract documentation request
[Pallone Definers 1-5-18.pdf](#)

Hi Nancy – Just FYI, we now have a third oversight letter on this topic, attached. We’ll plan to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Thanks,
Kyle

Kyle Aarons
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From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 12:37 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA contract documentation request

Thanks. We’ve been working with Nancy **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

-Kyle

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From: Lyons, Troy
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Subject: FW: EPA contract documentation request

From: Seiger, Ryan [<mailto:Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 2:09 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Cc: Brain, Michael <Michael.Brain@mail.house.gov>; McCarragher, Ward <Ward.McCarragher@mail.house.gov>; Dedrick, Kathy <Kathy.Dedrick@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA contract documentation request

Aaron and Troy:

Per your request, enclosed is a formal request letter from Ranking Member DeFazio seeing additional information on the process that EPA followed in executing its contract with Definers for news analysis and brief service. A hard copy is being mailed today as well.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Ryan C. Seiger
Staff Director/Senior Counsel

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From: Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]
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Subject: Re: EPA contract documentation request

Ryan:

Formal inquiries help us keep track of the numerous inquiries we receive from both the majority and the minority. We ask for a formal submission for tracking purposes as the inquiry will be assigned to the appropriate staffer. Also, formal requests help us process these requests in the order in which they are received.

We will continue to respond to requests such as TA and others requests through simple emails but ask oversight requests

I don't think Aaron's note implied you all do not have oversight authority, but with energy and commerce being our main committee of jurisdiction we want to ensure they are looped in as they are likely working on a similar request.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 18, 2017, at 4:45 PM, Seiger, Ryan <Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Aaron:

On your response to my information request, a few questions...first, it is now EPA policy that routine oversight requests from Committee staff need now be formal letter requests from the Members? Also, is this request for a letter coming from OCIR or from the agency at large?

Can you also provide me with a basis for your claim that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure does not have independent oversight jurisdiction over EPA?

Finally, on these apparent new rules, do they apply both to the T and I majority and the minority? Are there any other oversight processes that have been put in place this year that we need to be aware of?

Ryan C. Seiger

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

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On Dec 18, 2017, at 2:42 PM, Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Ryan, could you please put your request in an official letter? Additionally, have you coordinated with E&C on this? I believe EPA oversight resides within their committee's jurisdiction.

Best,

-Aaron

To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Walker, Denise
Sent: Wed 12/20/2017 10:41:17 PM
Subject: RE: FOIA online reports

Back from meetings. Looking now.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Walker, Denise <Walker.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOIA online reports

Is this what the reporter can pull as well?

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Personal Phone / Ex. 6

From: Walker, Denise
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOIA online reports

Nancy:

Here is the full report.

Thanks! Let me know if you need anything else.

Denise

From: Walker, Denise
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2:33 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOIA online reports

Let me run them again and just run Blutstein – I think I’m missing the Allan L. Blutstein requests...

Denise

From: Walker, Denise
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FOIA online reports

Nancy:

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- 1) All the Allan Blutstein requests
- 2) All the requests and tasks associated with them (may be useful to see where they are in processing)

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Organizer: jcotrone@definercorp.com : jcotrone@definercorp.com
Subject: EPA/Definers Onboarding Call
Location: Nonresponsive Conference code / Ex. 6
Start Time: Wed 12/20/2017 7:00:00 PM
End Time: Wed 12/20/2017 8:00:00 PM
Attendees: Grantham.Nancy@EPA.gov : grantham.nancy@epa.gov,
wschenkel@definercorp.com, wschenkel@definercorp.com,
jcotrone@definercorp.com, jcotrone@definercorp.com,
wsouthworth@definercorp.com, wsouthworth@definercorp.com,
mhess@definercorp.com, mhess@definercorp.com,
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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Cc: Knapp, Kristien[Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov]
From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Wed 1/24/2018 9:18:13 PM
Subject: Definers contract documents for CBI review
Definers contract documents with proposed redactions for CBI review.pdf

Hi Nancy – As part of our response to congress about the Definers contract, we are planning to send a set of documents from OAM relating to the contract. Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
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We are aiming to release these on Monday.

Thanks,
Kyle

Kyle Aarons
Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-7351

To: Knapp, Kristien[Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov]
Cc: Aarons, Kyle[Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 8/7/2018 1:17:15 AM
Subject: Re: Definers letter

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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2018, at 4:42 PM, Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Nancy –

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Let us know if you want to discuss further with us, or if we can help with drafting.

Thanks,
Kristien

Kristien Knapp
Legislative and Oversight Counsel
Office of Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564-3277

<2018-06-19 Definers June Letter.pdf>

To: Sauerhage, Maggie[Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thur 6/7/2018 10:12:37 PM
Subject: FW: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing
[EPA Statement of Work 4.16.18.BF.docx](#)

As discussed .. will also send you the definers sow

You may also want to ask emily in region 1 for their key words list – while some may be region specific – could be helpful starting point

Thanks ng

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From: Greg D'Andrea [mailto:Greg.DAndrea@cision.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:59 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Hi Nancy,

Attached please find the SOW and a brief note from the Bulletin team. I'd like to schedule a time to walk through it in the next few days - let me know if any day this or next week would work!

Greg D'Andrea
Account Director
p 203.506.7178
greg.dandrea@cision.com



From: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:04 AM
To: Greg D'Andrea
Subject: RE: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Yes .. if you could send sow that would be great thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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From: Greg D'Andrea [mailto:Greg.DAndrea@cision.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:03 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Hi Nancy - I know things are probably hectic there, but just looking to get next steps to move forward with Bulletin. Would love to hear feedback from the team, but also want to be cognizant of your time. Would it make sense to **send you an SOW based on the sample** we sent a week ago?

Let me know!

Greg D'Andrea
Account Director
p 203.506.7178
greg.dandrea@cision.com

CISION

From: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 2:58:36 PM

To: Greg D'Andrea

Subject: RE: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Will check with folks

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(mobile)

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From: Greg D'Andrea [<mailto:Greg.DAndrea@cision.com>]

Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 2:54 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Hi Nancy! I wanted to see if we can arrange a call to discuss the Bulletin report from last Thursday. I'd like to get everyone's feedback while it's still fresh in their minds - do you have any availability this week?

Let me know!

Greg D'Andrea
Account Director
p 203.506.7178
greg.dandrea@cision.com

CISION

From: Greg D'Andrea
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 1:00:19 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Re: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Thanks Nancy!

Greg D'Andrea
Account Director
p 203.506.7178
greg.dandrea@cision.com

CISION

From: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:58:40 PM
To: Greg D'Andrea
Cc: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: RE: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Here they are:

Grantham.nancy@epa.gov
Drinkard.andrea@epa.gov
Konkus.john@epa.gov
Bowman.liz@epa.gov
Darwin.veronica@epa.gov
Gray.david@epa.gov
Debell.kevin@epa.gov
Richard.robin@epa.gov
Wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov
Sauerhage.maggie@epa.gov

7 a.m. would be the best time.

Thanks ng

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From: Greg D'Andrea [<mailto:Greg.DAndrea@cision.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 4:13 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Added. Do you have the names for the distribution and the time it should be sent on Thursday?

Greg D'Andrea
Account Director
p 203.506.7178
greg.dandrea@cision.com
CISION

From: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 7:01:28 AM
To: Greg D'Andrea
Subject: RE: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Should have had Inside EPA on the list as well .. please add.

Thanks ng

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 12:12 PM
To: Greg D'Andrea <Greg.DAndrea@cision.com>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Greg,

Please see below for the basic lists. Obviously, as issues arise and key initiatives are launched, these would have additions.

Working on getting you the time and the names for the April 5th sample run.

Enjoy the weekend.

Thanks ng

Outlets

AP
Agri-Pulse
Argus Media
Axios
Bloomberg
Bloomberg BNA (Environment)
Boston Globe
Breitbart
Business Insider
CNN
Chicago Tribune

Christian Science Monitor
The Daily Caller
E&E News
Financial Times
Forbes
Fox News
The Guardian
The Hill
Hot Air
Independent Journal Review
LA Times
Law 360
Mother Jones
Morning Consult
NPR
NTK Network
NY Times
The Oklahoman
PJ Media
Politico
Reuters
Scientific American
The Intercept
The Oklahoman
Tulsa World
USA Today
Wall Street Journal
Washington Examiner
Washington Post
Washington Times
Google News Keywords– EPA, Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt

News stories relevant to EPA’s mission, and, at a minimum, shall include the following topic areas (when combined with EPA key word)

Administrator Pruitt
Air
Brownfields/Superfund/Other cleanups
Budget
Climate Change
Emergency Response
Energy
Enforcement
Environmental Justice
EPA
Grants
Hazardous waste
International environmental agreements and disputes
Pesticides
Research and Development
Rules/Regulations/Policy
Toxics/TSCA
Trash/recycling/composting/solid waste
Tribal environmental issues
Water

Waters of the US
Deregulation
Lead Poisoning
Lead Pipes
State Implementation Plans
Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program
Clean Water State Revolving Fund
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
Drinking Water
EPCRA/CERCLA
Farm Act
Flint Drinking Water Crisis
East Chicago Superfund Site
West Lake Landfill Superfund Site
Minden, WVA PCB contamination
Steam Electric ELG
Clean Power Plan
Mid-term Evaluation for light duty vehicles
New Source Review (NSR)
Waste E-Manifest
Clean Air Act Implementation Plans
Combined Coal Ash Residual (CCR)
Regulatory Reform
Hurricane Harvey
Hurricane Maria
California Wildfires
Asbestos
Pesticides
Regulatory Rollback

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Fuel Economy Standards

[Politico - California regulator gets meeting with EPA air chief ahead of expected battle over car rules](#)

[E&E Climatewire - Wehrum, Nichols huddle ahead of high-stakes auto decision](#)

[Washington Examiner - Conservative groups urge Scott Pruitt to block California from setting own car pollution rules](#)

[Washington Examiner - EPA pressed to slow down on rolling back Obama-era vehicle fuel standards](#)

[The Conversation - Why EPA's U-turn on auto efficiency rules gives China the upper hand](#)

[The Hill - Trump administration picks new fight with California](#)

[Reuters - U.S. high-octane gasoline demand may drop if fuel efficiency rules change](#)

[Washington Post - Trump officials prepare to undo fuel-efficiency targets despite some automakers' misgivings](#)

Administrator Pruitt's Housing

[ABC News - EXCLUSIVE: More Cabinet trouble for Trump? EPA chief lived in condo tied to lobbyist 'power couple'](#)

[Politico - Pruitt's landlord's spouse was also campaign donor](#)

[Washington Examiner - Scott Pruitt rented a condo co-owned by wife of energy lobbyist: Report](#)

[The Hill - Pruitt lived in condo co-owned by energy lobbyist's wife: report](#)

Climate Talking Points

[Daily Caller - HuffPo's 'Scoop' On EPA's Climate Change Talking Points Was A Nothingburger](#)

[CNN - EPA talking points downplay role of human activity in climate change](#)

[The Hill - Internal EPA memo tells staffers how to downplay climate change](#)

[Washington Post - EPA staffers get talking points playing down human role in climate change](#)

Campaign Against Administrator Pruitt

[Washington Examiner - Environmental groups aim to 'boot' Scott Pruitt over 'wasteful spending' at EPA](#)

[E&E Climatewire - Greens push Pruitt to quit in big letters](#)

[Washington Post - Enough is enough. Scott Pruitt needs to go. \(*Opinion\)](#)

Superfund

[The Intercept - Trump's Nominee to Oversee Superfund Program Spent Decades Fighting EPA Cleanups On Behalf of Polluters](#)

[Reuters - Panel to weigh MDL treatment for Gold King Mine spill cases](#)

Litigation

[BNA - Outcome of EPA Rule Delay Case Could Upset Trump Deregulatory Plan](#)

[BNA - Advocates Urge EPA to Go Big in Court-Ordered Chemical Spill Rule](#)

General

[The Hill - EPA pushes informal policy to deal with polluters outside courts](#)

[Politico - EPA reinstates pay caps for staffers on hurricane duty after DHS ends 'surge' program](#)

[BNA - Chemical Makers Worry Steep New EPA Fees Could Stifle Innovation](#)

[Reuters - Exclusive: Trump advisers urge him to leave biofuel reforms to Congress - sources](#)

[E&E Greenwire - 5 things to know about EPA rollback of Obama rules](#)

[Politico - Stepp recused from major air decision affecting Foxconn plant in Wisconsin](#)

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(mobile)

Personal Phone / Ex. 6

To: Yaeger, Ryan[Yaeger.Ryan@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 6/29/2018 1:25:24 PM
Subject: RE: New FOIA litigation -- Food & Water Watch v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, US DIS DCD 1:18cv1497

Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: Yaeger, Ryan
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 8:15 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: New FOIA litigation -- Food & Water Watch v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, US DIS DCD 1:18cv1497

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-----Original Message-----

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 6:00 PM
To: White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov>
Cc: Walker, Denise <Walker.Denise@epa.gov>; Yaeger, Ryan <Yaeger.Ryan@epa.gov>; Creech, Christopher <Creech.Christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: New FOIA litigation -- Food & Water Watch v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, US DIS DCD 1:18cv1497

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-----Original Message-----

From: White, Elizabeth
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 9:49 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: New FOIA litigation -- Food & Water Watch v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, US DIS DCD 1:18cv1497

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Beth White
Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564-1781 direct
cell

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-----Original Message-----

From: Burke, Marcella

Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 8:59 AM

To: Miller, Kevin <Miller.Kevin@epa.gov>

Cc: White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: New FOIA litigation -- Food & Water Watch v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, US
DIS DCD 1:18cv1497

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 26, 2018, at 8:29 AM, Miller, Kevin <Miller.Kevin@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Kevin Miller | US EPA | Office of General Counsel | 1200 Pennsylvania

> Ave., NW | WJC North, Mail Code 2377A | Washington DC 20460 | phone:

> (202) 564-2691 <Court_Document_US_DIS_DCD_1.18cv1497_06.25.2018.pdf>

> <Courtlink_Docket_US_DIS_DCD_1.18cv1497_06.25.2018.htm>

To: Aarons, Kyle[Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thur 4/26/2018 9:21:24 PM
Subject: RE: Definers Letters

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From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:32 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers Letters

Hi Nancy – I just put the 8 letters on your desk to route to Liz for signature.

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Thanks,
Kyle

Kyle Aarons
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-7351

From: Yaeger, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:04 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>; Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers Letters

Nancy:

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Thanks–

Ryan

Cc: Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Frye, Tony (Robert)[frye.robert@epa.gov]; Burke, Marcella[burke.marcella@epa.gov]; Knapp, Kristien[Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov]; Patrick, Kimberly[Patrick.Kimberly@epa.gov]; Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Legare, Pamela[Legare.Pamela@epa.gov]
To: Aarons, Kyle[Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 5/9/2018 8:58:30 PM
Subject: Re: Call with Senate staff on Definers Public Affairs

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 9, 2018, at 4:57 PM, Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Thank you,
> Kyle
> <Whitehouse 4-27-18 (Definers).pdf>
> <Definers contract documents 4-27-18.pdf>
> <Whitehouse News Analysis 12-19-17.pdf>
> <meeting.ics>

To: White, Elizabeth[white.elizabeth@epa.gov]
Cc: Walker, Denise[Walker.Denise@epa.gov]; Yaeger, Ryan[Yaeger.Ryan@epa.gov]; Creech, Christopher[Creech.Christopher@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
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Subject: RE: New FOIA litigation -- Food & Water Watch v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, US DIS DCD 1:18cv1497

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> <Courtlink_Docket_US_DIS_DCD_1.18cv1497_06.25.2018.htm>

To: Rementer, Nicole[rementer.nicole@epa.gov]; Yaeger, Ryan[Yaeger.Ryan@epa.gov]; Creech, Christopher[Creech.Christopher@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thur 2/8/2018 12:24:17 AM
Subject: RE: E&C Pallone QFR on Definers Contract

Thanks

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From: Rementer, Nicole
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 11:18 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Yaeger, Ryan <Yaeger.Ryan@epa.gov>; Creech, Christopher <Creech.Christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: E&C Pallone QFR on Definers Contract

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Nicole M. Rementer
Attorney-Adviser | FOIA Expert Assistance Team (FEAT)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | Office of General Counsel
7426NN WJCN | 202.564.3692

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 11:04 AM
To: Yaeger, Ryan <Yaeger.Ryan@epa.gov>; Rementer, Nicole <rementer.nicole@epa.gov>; Creech, Christopher <Creech.Christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: E&C Pallone QFR on Definers Contract

See below –

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:44 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: E&C Pallone QFR on Definers Contract

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From: Ringel, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 10:39 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: E&C Pallone QFR on Definers Contract

Liz/Troy,

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Aaron E. Ringel

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Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov

To: Frye, Tony (Robert)[frye.robert@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 1/2/2018 5:11:55 PM
Subject: Fwd: Definers info per our discussion
[Document1.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Date: January 2, 2018 at 7:47:46 AM EST
To: "Aarons, Kyle" <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>, "Palich, Christian" <palich.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Richardson, RobinH" <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>, "Wooden-Aguilar, Helena" <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers info per our discussion

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Thanks ng

To: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 12/4/2017 3:10:09 PM
Subject: FW: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Need to discuss with you .. we may have a problem here. thanks ng

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From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 8:49 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Good morning

I have meeting with Rayna Brown, Manager at 11:30aam regarding next steps after Special Notice was sent to public of intent to sole source:

Clarification from Manager:

- a) After special notice, which closes December 5, 2017 at 10:20am (dated posted 11/29/17) the post is for 5 days per Contracting Officer direction– Next action

b) **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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If you have questions, please give me a call directly at 202-564-6752. Thank you.

Donna Dews
Contract Specialist
US Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Acquisition Management
HPOD/Program Contract Service Center
Washington, DC 20460
202-564-6752 (DIRECT)
Dews.donna@epa.gov

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 6:53 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thx

Sent from my iPhone
On Dec 1, 2017, at 6:50 PM, Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello All,

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p. Hope this

helps. Jody

*Jody Gosnell
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Office: (202) 564-4353
Email: gosnell.jody@epa.gov*

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi –

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Thanks ng

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To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Nancy,

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Thanks, Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

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Thanks ng

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
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Jody—

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--Tricia

From: Gosnell, Jody

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:56 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Nancy,

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Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:29 AM

To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 12:14 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

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Hi Nancy

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:53 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Thanks much .. can you give us the link to the notice? Thanks ng

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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 7:51 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Hi Donna,

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Thanks much

Happy thanksgiving

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Hi Nancy,

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 8:32 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Hi Nancy,

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Thanks, Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
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Thanks all –

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Thanks ng

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Donna—

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Thanks!

--Tricia

From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC
Importance: High

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Again Thanks.

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

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Thanks everyone!

--Tricia

From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Michael

Thank you.

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hello,

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Thank you.

Have a great day,

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

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From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi All

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To: Aarons, Kyle[Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov]
Cc: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 1/9/2018 11:45:24 PM
Subject: RE: EPA contract documentation request

Thanks

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From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA contract documentation request

Hi Nancy – Just FYI, we now have a third oversight letter on this topic, attached. We'll plan to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Thanks,
Kyle

Kyle Aarons
Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-7351

From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 12:37 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA contract documentation request

Thanks. We've been working with Nancy on a response to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

-Kyle

Kyle Aarons
Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 2:52 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA contract documentation request

From: Seiger, Ryan [mailto:Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 2:09 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>

Cc: Brain, Michael <Michael.Brain@mail.house.gov>; McCarragher, Ward <Ward.McCarragher@mail.house.gov>; Dedrick, Kathy <Kathy.Dedrick@mail.house.gov>

Subject: RE: EPA contract documentation request

Aaron and Troy:

Per your request, enclosed is a formal request letter from Ranking Member DeFazio seeing additional information on the process that EPA followed in executing its contract with Definers for news analysis and brief service. A hard copy is being mailed today as well.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Ryan C. Seiger
Staff Director/Senior Counsel
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
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Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-0060

From: Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 5:37 PM

To: Seiger, Ryan <Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov>

Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Brain, Michael <Michael.Brain@mail.house.gov>; McCarragher, Ward <Ward.McCarragher@mail.house.gov>; Dedrick, Kathy <Kathy.Dedrick@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Re: EPA contract documentation request

Ryan:

Formal inquiries help us keep track of the numerous inquiries we receive from both the majority and the minority. We ask for a formal submission for tracking purposes as the inquiry will be assigned to the appropriate staffer. Also, formal requests help us process these requests in the order in which they are received.

We will continue to respond to requests such as TA and others requests through simple emails but ask oversight requests

I don't think Aaron's note implied you all do not have oversight authority, but with energy and commerce being our main committee of jurisdiction we want to ensure they are looped in as they are likely working on a similar request.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 18, 2017, at 4:45 PM, Seiger, Ryan <Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Aaron:

On your response to my information request, a few questions...first, it is now EPA policy that routine oversight requests from Committee staff need now be formal letter requests from the Members? Also, is this request for a letter coming from OCIR or from the agency at large?

Can you also provide me with a basis for your claim that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure does not have independent oversight jurisdiction over EPA?

Finally, on these apparent new rules, do they apply both to the T and I majority and the minority? Are there any other oversight processes that have been put in place this year that we need to be aware of?

Ryan C. Seiger
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
(202) 225-0060

On Dec 18, 2017, at 2:42 PM, Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Ryan, could you please put your request in an official letter? Additionally, have you coordinated with E&C on this? I believe EPA oversight resides within their committee's jurisdiction.

Best,

-Aaron

To: Packard, Elise[Packard.Elise@epa.gov]; Minoli, Kevin[Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov]
Cc: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 12/26/2017 10:22:54 PM
Subject: FW: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Please see below – is there any reason we would not be able to see the agency response letter? Thanks ng

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From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 5:19 PM
To: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Nancy and Helena,

There were two (2) GAO protests filed by two (2) separate interested parties. The GAO case numbers were B-415800-1 and B-415800-2. Normally the details of the protest such as the allegations filed against EPA and the GAO decisions is made publicly available through GAO online (see links below). Since the Agency, EPA, conceded to a need for corrective action, this may have effected why the full details are not disclosed publicly as per GAO procedures it could take months to make available following a decision of corrective action. Another reason maybe it's subject to a protect order. Otherwise, GAO seeks to issue decisions that provide meaningful and transparent explanations for their rulings. You are very fortunate to have a very proactive, solution-driven Champion in Michael Q. who has already coordinated with me to learn more of the ins and outs of sole sourcing.

Either way, (1) I am planning to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Links to the GAO Protest:
<https://www.gao.gov/mobile/docket/B-415800.1>
<https://www.gao.gov/mobile/docket/B-415800.2>

I hope this helps and we will gladly **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

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On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:48 PM, Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Nancy and yes it would be good to see that GAO correspondence.

Helena Wooden-Aguilar

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wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov

On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:42 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks .. may we get a copy of any correspondence to GAO re: the corrective action? Also, which OGC attorney worked on this? thanks ng

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From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 4:39 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Nancy,

I hope you had a nice weekend. The funds have already been de-obligated and as I recall I was able to confirm this in Compass Data Warehouse. Also, the GAO protest of this action was dismissed by GAO last week after our attorney indicated corrective action would be taken. Please let me know if you have any further questions. Have a nice day!

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
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On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:24 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks .. please let us know when this is complete – as we would Personal Phone / Ex. 6
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Thanks ng

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From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:43 PM

To: Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definercorp.com>

Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definercorp.com>

Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response. I will generate a final bilateral modification to definitize Definers Corp's decision and will get it to you as quickly as possible. This forthcoming modification will serve as the final step and we can close this out. I will be in contact with you soon. Have a nice day.

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
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Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

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On Dec 21, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definercorp.com> wrote:

Hi

I had sent the email below yesterday but am having difficulty finding in my email so I just wanted to resend to make sure you have and are aware.

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

Thanks

On Dec 20, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Julia Cotrone
<jcotrone@definercorp.com> wrote:

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 10:45 PM, Brown, Rayna
<brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response and returning the signed subject modification. In terms of additional steps necessary to officially end the process will involve whether or not Definers Corp wants to assert its rights under FAR 52.212-4 (l) terms and conditions—see an excerpt of the applicable clause language below. If Definers Corp is seeking, as a matter of its right, the payment of money arising under or relating to this purchase order and termination, then please submit in writing to me as the

Contracting Officer with a level of detail consistent with the FAR 52.212-4 and sufficient for a Contracting Officer to determine that the costs were fair, reasonable, allowable, allocable and the facts justify the requested recovery of costs in a termination settlement (e.g. demonstrates that all reasonable steps were taken to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order). A final bilateral modification will be issued to definitize this aspect of the termination even if Definers Corp indicates that no costs will be claimed under the order and/or pursuant to the termination.

Please notify me of Definer Corp's intent regarding this matter and the Government will act accordingly. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thank you kindly and have a great day!

FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items.

(I) **Termination for the Government's convenience.** The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, **the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination.** The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. **The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.**

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:09 PM

To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Cc: jpounder@definerscorp.com; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definerscorp.com>

Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Attached is signed copy of PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ (7 pages). See page 2 for signature as requested.

Please let us know if there are any additional steps we need to take on our end to complete this process. Otherwise please let us know when this process is 100% completed.

Thank you!

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 4:47 PM, Julia Cotrone
<jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Received

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 3:45 PM, Brown, Rayna
<brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Contractor: Definers Corp

Purchase Order No.: EP-18-H-000025

Purchase Order Modification No.: P00001

Purchase Order Title: News Analysis Service

Subject: Unilateral Modification No. P00001

Please find attached modification P00001 to purchase order no. EP-18-H-000025 in order to cancel/terminate this order in its entirety via a Termination for the Government's Convenience effective December 19, 2017 and per the Contracting Officer's (CO's) conversation with Julia Cotrone with Definers Corp this morning. The Contractor shall immediately acknowledge receipt of this modification via email (please **DO NOT** include Group DDC-Customer) upon receipt of this email and correspondence and provide the signed page 2 of 7 to brown.rayna@epa.gov and dews.donna@epa.gov within two (2) business days. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a nice day! ☺

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

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To: Zito, Kelly[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 2/12/2018 10:20:57 PM
Subject: FW: Questions about EPA morale

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 5:18 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Questions about EPA morale

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:30 PM
To: 'Fimrite, Peter' <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Here is another interview you can pull from.

- <http://news3lv.com/news/local/epa-chief-scott-pruitt-goes-one-on-one-with-news-3>

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:27 PM
To: 'Fimrite, Peter' <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

In terms of these additional questions, we have addressed them in interviews with The New York Times and CBS News and you can pull your answers from them.

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/02/podcasts/the-daily/scott-pruitt-epa.html>
- <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/scott-pruitt-talks-with-major-garrett-full-interview/>

There was a lot of work from various people to get you the answers to your questions. We look forward to reading your story!

From: Fimrite, Peter [<mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:21 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Any chance I could talk to Scott Pruitt? I need him to explain his philosophy, why he is doing what he is doing, ie: how the EPA had been weaponized in the past to choose winners and losers; how superfund sites have languished because of a lack of decision making; that climate change cannot be regulated because it was not part of the original mission; why it is important for him to streamline the agency. Even a statement from him or a series of quotes I could use along these lines would be helpful if he's not available.

From: Wilcox, Jahan [<mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 10:00 AM

To: Fimrite, Peter <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

The answers with my names next to them are on the record. The tea leaves is not but let me see if I can get that approved. Does that work?

From: Fimrite, Peter [mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com]

Sent: Friday, February 9, 2018 12:58 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Are your comments below off the record or can I quote you on any of them? You have them in quotes with your name attached. I would like to quote a couple of those answers. Also, I'm hearing that Region 9 will be facing a 10 percent personnel reduction by the end of fiscal year 2018, according to goals laid out by the EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Can you confirm this for me?

I definitely would like to tell about the actions of Congress rather than leaving the tea leaves of proposals. Can you give me some idea about what the budget passed last night means for the EPA in terms of cuts?

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]

Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 6:26 AM

To: Fimrite, Peter <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>

Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Peter –

Off-the-record, in regards to budget proposals would just remind you that this morning the Senate passed a two-year budget that will fund the government. Rather than leaving the tea leaves of proposals, believe your readers would like to know the action that Congress has taken, which includes passing a budget that again funds the entire government for the next two years.

- **Today, Friday, February 9, 2018, Congress Passed A Budget That Will Fund The Government For The Next Two Years.** "After a temporary lapse in government funding that lasted through the night, Congress passed a pricey two-year spending deal early Friday that will also fund the government for an additional six weeks. The government temporarily closed after Congress failed to pass a government funding bill before a midnight deadline due to the objections of one senator, shutting down non-essential government services. In the end, a bipartisan cohort of lawmakers supported the \$400 billion agreement. Shortly after 1:30 a.m. ET, the Senate voted, 71-28, to approve a two-year spending bill that would reopen the government, and the House passed it at 5:30 a.m. with the support of 240 members. Trump tweeted Wednesday morning that he had signed the bill, officially ending the brief shutdown." ([NBC News](#), 02/09/18)

Additionally, **below are some on-the-record responses** to your questions. Some of these answers took a while to find and we hope that you will be able to use as much as possible.

Jahan

From: Fimrite, Peter [mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 3:54 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Thanks for getting back to me. Here are some questions and issues I'd like to have addressed:

The folks I've talked to say morale is as low as it has ever been at Region 9 and that many long time employees have been taking early retirement, buyouts or quitting as a result, mostly, in response to what they say is a de-emphasis on science and environmental protection, the core work of the EPA.

- **“From Administrator Pruitt’s focus on cleaning up toxic Superfund sites, his leadership during the government shutdown that kept the agency open and paid every employee, to EPA’s Region 9 where just 11 employees took an early retirement and nearly a quarter of the employees are working despite being eligible to retire, morale is great at EPA.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Three former employees and another current one say the office is short staffed, that Superfund sites have been prioritized, with some now on the back burner, and that the words “climate change” were scrubbed from contracts and grants, a form of censorship.

- **“Administrator Pruitt has placed a renewed focused on cleaning up toxic Superfund sites. We are reviewing every grant and 99.84 percent of all grants have been awarded.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Another complaint is that industry and business metrics have been brought in to change the culture of the office and downsize and streamline environmental regulation.

- **“Administrator Pruitt is proud to streamline regulations, which is creating regulatory certainty.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Many have told me off the record that they are scared to say anything and generally speak with each other in winks and whispers or out of the office because they fear being exposed by the consulting firm Definers Public Affairs, which they say has spent the past year investigating agency employees critical of the Trump administration and Pruitt. Is this true?

- **“No this is not accurate. Like any government agency, all EPA employees are subjected to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and in terms of the FOIAs nearly all are aimed at political, not career employees.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Many are also critical of the fact that the two people considered for the administrator job both worked in the oil, gas or mining industry. Can you confirm that Ryan Flynn and Chris Paul were considered for the position. How is the search for a new administrator going and what are you looking for in the leader?

- **“We don’t discuss who have been or not been interviewed for the Region 9 Administrator or any other position. The Administration is carefully considering many highly qualified candidates for Region 9 and will announce another great regional administrator soon.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

From: Wilcox, Jahan [<mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:26 PM

To: Fimrite, Peter <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Call me or send me specific examples and I will do my best to address them.

Jahan Wilcox

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Strategic Communications Advisor

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Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

From: Wilcox, Jahan

Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 3:20 PM
To: Fimrite, Peter <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Will handle.

From: Fimrite, Peter [mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Questions about EPA morale

I'm working on a story about all the changes occurring at the EPA and the effect it has had on employees in the various regions, particularly region 9. I was hoping for a comment from the administration or a spokesman. Please call me at 415-777-8454.

Peter Fimrite

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To: Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Patrick, Kimberly[Patrick.Kimberly@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 12/19/2017 4:12:48 PM
Subject: keith -- got your message -- please talk with kimberly -- definers has asked that we cancel the contract

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Please call me – as I need to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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To: Gray, David[gray.david@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 12/22/2017 6:08:26 PM
Subject: FW: Weekly Report 12.22.2017
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From: Burton, Tamika
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 1:08 PM
Subject: Weekly Report 12.22.2017

Happy Holidays Everyone!
Please see the weekly report attached!

Best regards,
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Region 1

Hot Issues

Lead Action Levels Exceeded in Four Massachusetts Communities

- Region 1 was informed by the Massachusetts DEP that four large community systems exceed the drinking water lead action level of 15 ppb.
- The communities of Melrose, Medford, Winthrop and Quincy are all served by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA).
- Region 1 will help MA DEP **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
- Issues to be discussed include **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Chinese Delegation Visits Region 1 to Learn about U.S. Enforcement of Environmental Laws

- Region 1 welcomed a group of 25 Chinese officials from the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) and local environmental bureaus.
- The delegation met with staff to learn how environmental laws and regulations are enforced and how violations are identified and litigated.
- The meeting was a part of a two-week study tour to learn about U.S. experience in enforcement and compliance to achieve environmental protection.

Upcoming Public Events

None.

Upcoming Major Decisions

None.

Highlights from last week

Vineyard Wind Submits Notice of Intent for 800 MW Offshore Wind Farm

- On Dec. 11 Vineyard Wind submitted a notice of intent to submit a Clean Air Act preconstruction permit application within 18 months, pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) regulations.
- The 800 MW proposed project will help satisfy the Massachusetts state law requiring utilities to purchase up to 1,600 MW of electricity from offshore wind farms by 2027.
- EPA will be the permitting authority and, consistent with Clean Air Act OCS regulations, will initiate a consistency review of applicable regulations in the corresponding onshore area that will be published in the Federal Register.

Region 1 and MA DEP Conduct Lead & Copper Rule Training

- MA DEP, with the assistance of Region 1's Lead and Copper Rule expert, conducted one day training workshops in each of the state's four DEP Regions on December 8, 11, 13, and 21. Approximately 120 water suppliers were trained.

- In preparation for the workshops, Region 1 conducted a “train the trainer” workshop on November 14 for Mass DEP staff.
- Workshop topics included new LCR protocols, testing in schools, consumer notification requirements, corrosion control treatment, and setting water quality parameters.

Region 1 Conducts Community Stormwater Webinar

- On Dec. 14 Region 1 provided technical assistance to 181 participants through the Soak Up the Rain New England Webinar: Engaging Urban Residents: Innovative Approaches to Promoting Community-Based Stormwater Management. Participants were from government agencies, NGO’s (mostly watershed associations), and academic institutions.

Region 2

Hot Issues:

Hurricane Irma/Maria: Close to half of the residents in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands remain without electric power, and this remains a major obstacle to improvements in other areas, including proper management of wastewater and providing drinking water to residents. Use of generators is widespread, but there are frequent failures because the units are not suited to such extended operation. Nevertheless, EPA is making good progress on our mission assignments. To date we have collected over 83,000 household hazardous waste and orphan containers, e-waste items and white goods (for extraction of refrigerant); and we are managing large quantities of medical waste in the USVI. The US Coast Guard has also started removing sunken and stranded vessels, and EPA is managing the oil and hazardous materials from those boats. EPA remains on standby to provide air monitoring in the event that either PR or the USVI authorize the Army Corps of Engineers to carry out air curtain incineration of vegetative debris. In the USVI the question of whether or not to do such burning has become a matter of considerable public controversy. The Corps has advised the USVI government that it will very soon run out of space to stockpile debris – particularly the very large amount of vegetative debris – and will need to terminate collection operations if no decision on how to manage the material is made. There is a lawsuit pending to prohibit the air curtain incineration (ACI) of vegetative debris in the USVI. All ACI operations have been stopped until the legal actions are resolved. In PR, the local government is also wary of ACI operations, anticipating strong negative public reaction to such a plan. Regional Administrator Pete Lopez and regional senior staff met on Dec. 20 with Tania Vasquez, head of Puerto Rico's Environmental Quality Board; this issue was among the main topics of discussion.

Dewey Loeffel: On Dec 12, Rensselaer County passed a law limiting the discharge of 1,4-dioxane to 0.35 parts per billion (ppb) from properties that are owned by the County that are also designated as a Superfund site. The only site that meets these criteria is the Dewey Loeffel site. The most recent treated effluent result available for 1,4-dioxane (collected on Nov. 29, 2017) was 0.36 ppb. The data were posted on the Dewey Loeffel webpage on Thursday, Dec 14 and no inquiries were received. The treated effluent results for Dec. 6 are expected by Dec 20 and will be posted on the webpage later this week.

Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic -- Litigation Update: On December 15, 2017 the court granted EPA an extension to answer/otherwise respond to the complaint, while the court considers EPA's motion to stay this litigation. EPA now has to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before January 17, 2017.

Past Week:

Delaware River Basin Commission Proposed Hydrofracking Rules: On December 18, Region 2 participated on a conference call with Headquarters offices and Region 3 to coordinate EPA's response to the proposed DRBC hydrofracking rules. We agreed that

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In addition, Regions 2 and 3 will determine how

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EPA assists in navigating air requirements for proposed natural gas pipeline: EPA hosted a meeting on December 12 to coordinate the federal and state general conformity review for the proposed Northeast Supply Expansion natural gas pipeline project. The meeting focused on ensuring that Transco, the private company constructing the pipeline, and the agencies at the federal and state levels, are clear on the next steps for the general conformity analysis. We identified some data gaps and challenges associated with process and schedule. Some details remain to be worked out, including

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Transco intends to fund clean air projects at the Port of New York and New Jersey in order to offset project emissions.

Court Enters Consent Decree Resolving RCRA, CAA, and CWA Violations by Homeca

Recycling Center Co. On 12/18/17, the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico entered EPA's Consent Decree (CD) with Homeca. The CD resolves our claims against Homeca for alleged violations of RCRA, CWA, and CAA rules at three different facilities located in Caguas, Ponce Playa and Hormigueros, PR. EPA has direct implementation responsibility for these rules in Puerto Rico. The alleged violations resulted from past releases of fluids from crushing cars at the facilities, the release of ozone-depleting substances into the air, and the runoff of contaminated storm water from the facilities to the Rio Grande de Loiza and the Caribbean Sea. The settlement requires Homeca to pay a \$50,000 civil penalty in two installments, and to implement various practices as injunctive relief to help the facilities maintain compliance with the applicable regulations.

Upcoming:

Consent Agreement and Final Order (CA/FO) against the Town of North Hempstead: Region 2 will is

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Town agreed to pay a penalty of \$49,500 and to perform two Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) valued at \$90,000. The SEPs are: 1) Continuous monitoring release detection for all tanks it owns and/or operates (\$50,000); and 2) an infiltration basin system which will divert storm water runoff and thus keep pollution from entering the waterways (\$40,000). The continuous monitoring release detection system will also help the Town maintain and monitor its tanks to prevent leaks and loss of product. Although the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) does not have State Program Approval for USTs, under its own state authority it has delegated its UST authority to five counties including Nassau County. Region 2 worked with NYSDEC and Nassau County to bring the Town of North Hempstead into compliance with RCRA Subtitle I.

Region 3

Hot Issues

DOJ/EPA Region III File Consent Decree with ArcelorMittal Monessen, PADEP, and PennEnvironment to Resolve Alleged CAA Violations

On December 20, 2017, DOJ, on behalf of Region III, lodged a Consent Decree to implement a settlement with ArcelorMittal Monessen LLC (AMM) to correct alleged CAA violations at its coke plant in Monessen, PA, a facility that produces coke (purified coal) for eventual use in steel mills. The settlement also resolves claims against AMM made by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and PennEnvironment, an environmental group representing neighbors of the plant. The settlement is expected to reduce harmful emissions from the company's coke plant by a total of more than 125 tons per year (tpy) of sulfur dioxide and 50 tpy of particulate matter. Among the requirements of the Consent Decree, the company must install additional monitoring equipment, implement various work plans to improve work practices, conduct studies of existing plant equipment and operations, and perform a demonstration project to control emissions during planned maintenance outages at the facility's desulfurization plant. ArcelorMittal will spend approximately \$2 million on air pollution controls/improved work practices at the plant and also pay a civil penalty of \$1.5 million, which will be split between the federal and state agencies. At the same time, DOJ filed a Complaint in Intervention in the pending citizen suit brought by PennEnvironment for similar alleged CAA violations.

Final Close Out Report (FCOR) Signed for Recticon/Allied Steel Superfund Site

On December 15, 2017, Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio signed the Final Close Out Report (FCOR) for the Recticon/Allied Steel Superfund Site. The FCOR documents that EPA has determined that all appropriate remedial actions at Site have been completed. Operation and maintenance, institutional controls and Five-Year Reviews are no longer required and no further Superfund response is necessary to protect human health and the environment at the Site. The Site is projected for deletion from the National Priorities List by September 30, 2018.

Vapor Intrusion Investigation Conducted at Chem Fab Superfund Site, Doylestown, Pennsylvania

During the week of December 11, 2017, the Site Team and their contractor conducted a vapor intrusion (VI) investigation at ten residences in the Westwyk community of Doylestown, PA. The VI investigation was conducted because of the presence of groundwater contamination underneath the community. The investigation involved collection of both indoor air and subslab samples in the residences. Analytical results of the sampling are expected to be available in approximately two months. At that time a more extensive VI investigation will be conducted across the entire community, which could involve up to 200 homes. The Site Team has conducted VI investigations at the Site previously, although these have primarily involved testing the subslab and indoor air at the former Chem Fab facility. A vapor mitigation system was installed at the facility as a result of the previous investigations.

Drinking Water Sampling associated with the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress (Oceana Naval Air Station) Planned for February 2018, Chesapeake, Virginia

In February 2016, the Navy sampled off-base private drinking water wells for PFAS compounds at residential properties surrounding the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Fentress. Results indicated that drinking water obtained from wells at two properties exceeded the EPA preliminary health advisory levels for PFAS compounds. Navy installed in-home drinking water well treatment systems at the affected residences. The Navy also installed additional off-base monitoring wells to further delineate the groundwater plume migration. Two of the monitoring wells detected PFAS exceeding the EPA Lifetime Health Advisory, indicating further plume migration. The Navy is planning a second round of drinking water well sampling for residents in the vicinity of NALF Fentress in February 2018 which will include approximately 60 additional properties.

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Brownfields Area-Wide Plan Completed in Huntington, West Virginia

During this fall, Huntington completed its Brownfields Area-Wide Plan (AWP) after two years of gathering input from the community including manufacturing operations, businesses, and Marshall University. The AWP focused on three catalyst sites along the Ohio River where there was a coal shipping operation. When redeveloped, these sites will spur further revitalization throughout the city. Marshall University plans to expand its campus to one of the catalyst sites for a minor league ball field hoping to attract a team. An adjacent manufacturer is planning investing \$1 million in a second catalyst site to expand their operations and create an incubator for new manufacturing businesses. The Appalachian Regional Commission, state and county agencies have been approached and are in the process of reviewing Huntington's requests for additional funds. Huntington also received an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant that they are using to ascertain if there are any hazardous substances on these sites and what would be needed to clean them up. Altogether, Huntington is on the path to redevelopment that incorporates green infrastructure and other environmental measures.

Upcoming Public Events

No upcoming events to report for next week.

Past Events

Regional Administrator to Participate in Chesapeake Bay Program Principals' Staff Committee meeting

EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio will represent EPA and the other federal partners as a member of the Principals' Staff Committee meeting December 19-20, 2017 in Cambridge, Md. CBP Director Nick DiPasquale and Deputy Director Jim Edward and other EPA staff will also participate in the meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to focus on helping PSC members build an understanding and answering questions on key Midpoint Assessment and Phase III WIP issues, as well as seek collective decisions on foundational Midpoint Assessment issues including:

- 1) Adoption of the Phase 6 suite of modeling tools for finalizing the draft Phase III planning targets and for management application in the Phase III WIPs and two-year milestones through 2025
- 2) Approval of the proposed Bay's assimilative capacity
- 3) Approval of the process for the 4-month Partnership review of the draft Phase III WIP planning targets, including how special cases are addressed
- 4) Approval to base Phase III WIP development on 2025 current zoning conditions
- 5) Approval of the draft Phase III WIP planning targets as a starting point of the 4-month Partnership review period
- 6) Develop a Partnership implementation plan to address Conowingo infill by 2025
- 7) Adopt a dual approach to factor climate change into the Phase III WIPs

Region 4

Hot Issues

Rockwell International/Grenada Manufacturing, LLC (Grenada, MS)

Key Message: During the week of December 25, 2017, Region 4 anticipates **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Highlights from Last Week

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Upcoming Travel for the RA

None

Region 5**HOT ISSUES:****EPA Coordinating with Michigan on Wolverine Enforcement Approach**

Key Message: On December 21, 2017, EPA and the state of Michigan presented to Wolverine World Wide, Inc. (WWW) a proposed approach to investigation, sampling, analysis, and provision of alternate water at the Wolverine sites.

The coordinated approach includes the negotiation of two separate orders with EPA and Michigan by mid-January 2018: a) an administrative order on consent between WWW and Michigan under state Part 201 and Part 31 authorities that addresses PFAS and provision of alternate water, and b) an administrative order on consent between WWW and EPA under CERCLA Section 106 authorities for investigation, sampling, and analysis at the Tannery and House Street landfill. EPA's deadline for WWW to give an indication of interest in negotiations is close of business December 21. Region 5 plans to sample groundwater and drinking water for PFAS at several locations in Rockford, Michigan the week of December 25, 2017, including at the former Tannery, the House Street landfill, and at residences with filters installed.

Since 2012, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has had the lead in addressing arsenic and chromium contamination at Wolverine's former Tannery under a state "other cleanup authority (OCA)" alternative. PFAS contamination at the site came to light earlier in 2017. Since then, WWW has identified numerous residential wells impacted by PFAS at concentrations above EPA's lifetime health advisory of 70 parts per trillion – presumably from waste generated by WWW's operations using Scotchgard™, which contained PFAS compounds. WWW potentially used as many as 95 disposal locations for its wastes. Since late summer 2017, WWW has been voluntarily providing alternate drinking water or installing whole-house water filters to some of the impacted residents with PFAS-contaminated drinking water, but EPA has concerns about filter efficacy and the sampling method used to analyze PFAS drinking water samples.

On October 20, 2017, citizens living near the WWW facilities submitted a revised citizen suit notice under RCRA Section 7002(a)(1)(B) (imminent hazard). EPA issued a follow-up CERCLA Section 104(e) information request to WWW on December 1, 2017, to better understand its factory operations, waste handling and disposal operations, and the procedures that are being used to test residents' drinking water and remediate higher concentrations of PFAS. The contamination has been reported on in national and local media and has been of great concern to the local community.

Indiana Harbor Coke Company in East Chicago, Indiana Signs Consent Decree

Key Message: Indiana Harbor Coke Company (IHCC) and Cokenergy, LLC, owners and operators of the Indiana Harbor Coke Company Facility signed a federal consent decree with EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management last week to resolve outstanding Clean Air Act violations.

In several notices of violation, EPA has alleged that the companies exceeded bypass venting, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, and lead limits in their federal operating permits, failed to stop leaking coke oven doors as required by the National Emissions Standards for Coke Oven Batteries, exceeded numerous opacity limits, and many other violations. Under the settlement, the companies will spend around \$120 million in injunctive relief to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, lead, and volatile organic compounds. The companies will pay a civil penalty of \$5.0 million (\$2.5M to the state of Indiana). In addition, Cokenergy will spend \$250,000 on a lead abatement supplemental environmental project in East Chicago. There has been significant press and community interest into EPA's investigation and we expect further interest following lodging of the decree. IHCC is a subsidiary of SunCoke, Inc.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NONE

UPCOMING MAJOR DECISIONS:

NONE

PAST WEEK ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS:

EPA Removal at Abandoned Plating Facility in St. Paul, Minnesota Completed

Key Message: On December 21, 2017, EPA completed a time-critical removal action, reducing threats to public health and the environment, at the Plating Inc. site.

Since mobilizing in August, EPA secured over 20,000 gallons of hazardous acids and caustics; removed damaged asbestos-containing materials; and pumped approximately 9,700 gallons of waste liquids into tanker trucks for disposal off-site. EPA recovered pooled, liquid waste from under the waste treatment lines and recovered caustic liquids released into floor trenches in the building. Equipment and structural components used during processing were decontaminated and EPA worked diligently to recycle or reuse materials whenever possible. Consolidated hazardous materials that could not be recycled were transported to RCRA/CERCLA approved disposal facilities.

The Plating Inc. site is located at a former industrial facility that specialized in zinc and chromate plating of aluminum. The abandoned building where operations occurred is located in a mixed-use residential, commercial area as well as a nearby city park. Throughout the cleanup, EPA conducted air monitoring in the building and at the perimeter to ensure that residents and nearby business occupants were not exposed during the removal process. EPA partnered with Ramsey County and the city of St. Paul to utilize an emergency notification system that would alert nearby residents by land-line, text message, and email in case of an emergency at the site. The notifications included evacuation and shelter in place instructions in the event of a hazardous chemical release at the site. Additionally, EPA maintained night and weekend building security for the entirety of the removal action.

Region 6

I am also pleased to report that yesterday's meetings with Governor Hutchinson and Arkansas DEQ officials were productive and positive.

UPCOMING HOT ISSUES AND IMPORTANT DEADLINES

December 21, 2017

Lazarus Refinery II, LLC, Longview, Texas

EPA intends to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Sid Richardson Carbon and Energy Company, Addis, Louisiana; Borger and Big Spring, Texas

EPA expects **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Columbian Chemicals Company, Franklin, Louisiana

EPA expects **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Orion Engineered Carbons, Borger, Texas

EPA expects **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Jicarilla Apache Tribal Nation, Dulce, New Mexico

EPA intends to

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

This water system failed to sample at the approved sampling location and will be in violation until the next sample is collected at the correct location.

LACC, LLC US, Ethylene and Derivatives Plant, Westlake, Louisiana

Louisiana granted EPA an extension until January 12, 2018 for the purposes of LDEQ working with the permittee to address EPA concerns. Construction for this new ethylene and derivatives manufacturing facility is ongoing. The preliminary draft permit proposes to

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

NEPA

DOE Strategic Petroleum Reserve, Bryan Mount, Texas; Big Hill, Texas; West Hackberry, Louisiana; Bayou Choctaw, Louisiana

The Department of Energy intends to

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

The Reserve currently operates and maintains deep underground storage caverns created in salt domes along the Gulf Coast region at Bryan Mount Texas, Big Hill Texas, West Hackberry Louisiana and Bayou Choctaw Louisiana. Region 6 will support the DOE by meeting our basic statutory requirements for participating in the environmental review process.

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

January 9 – Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality discussion on Oil & Gas Compliance and Enforcement Efforts, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

January 10 – Region 6 State Agricultural Director Meeting, Dallas, Texas

January 17 – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality discussion on Oil & Gas Compliance and Enforcement Efforts, Austin, Texas

January 23 – National Oil and Gas Roundtable, Denver, Colorado

January 24 – National Air Quality Conference, Austin, Texas

January 30 – Region 6 Five State Drinking Water Meeting, Dallas, Texas

April 11 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Dallas, Texas

UPCOMING DECISIONS

Bird Creek, Osage County, Oklahoma

EPA intends to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma

EPA expects to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Tribes in Oklahoma are required by Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005 (“SAFETEA”) §10211(b) to enter into a cooperative agreement with the state of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission End-of-Year Report

EPA intends to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

PAST WEEK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Arkansas Memorandum of Understanding

EPA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to outline a mutually agreed timeline with Arkansas for submittal and review of Arkansas Regional Haze SIP revisions.

Louisiana Regional Haze

EPA took final action on all outstanding requirements for the Louisiana Regional Haze Program which was under Consent Decree deadline of December 15, 2017.

TCEQ Exceptional Events Demonstration, El Paso, Texas

EPA approved the El Paso Exceptional Event demonstration presented by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

PENDING ACTIONS (Pending Federal Register Publication)

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Region 7**Hot Issues****Westlake Landfill (Bridgeton, MO)**

Key Message: Work continues on Westlake Landfill documents

- Major components of the Final Feasibility Study (FFS) are anticipated to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- Calls were made to key stakeholders this week to inform them that EPA is additionally considering the full excavation with on-site disposal option to ensure that the FFS includes a broad suite of remedial alternatives to make the most protective remedy selection. Community stakeholders were encouraged to provide feedback to the National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) in advance of the Board discussion scheduled January 9. The Region is also preparing the initial set of briefing documents to be submitted to the NRRB this Friday which includes a response to comments the Board provided subsequent to the panel review in 2012.
- Next week, the Region will be focused on reviewing the FFS submittals from the PRPs including any new documentation that arrives next week.

Des Moines TCE Superfund Site (Dico Inc.)

Key Message: EPA and DOJ request to meet with Dico.

- On 11/22/17, EPA sent a response letter to the Potentially Responsible Party of the Des Moines TCE Superfund Site (Dico Inc.) agreeing to delay the finalization of the Action Memo for building demolition on the site for four months with qualifiers. On 12/12/17, EPA received a response from Dico to EPA's 11/22 letter in which Dico expressed a desire to discuss a sampling proposed in EPA's 11/22 letter and to enter into global settlement negotiations with the United States. In response, EPA and DOJ have expressed a desire to meet with Dico to discuss these issues in the near future. It is anticipated **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Madison County Superfund Site Redevelopment Interest (Anschutz Mine Tailing Site)

Key Message: Meeting scheduled for January 11, 2018 to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

- EPA is continuing to coordinate with MDNR and Environmental Operations Inc (EOI) who is interested in purchasing a portion of the Madison County Mines NPL Superfund Site for cobalt production. EPA is currently **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- Options under consideration are **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Region 8

-No report submitted-

Region 9**URGENT/IMPORTANT ITEMS**

CA WILDFIRES: today I convened a discussion with FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers to inform EPA's expanded role in asbestos assessment and removal for the four No. California counties.

We expect to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

We have bilingual information available to the public and plan further communications next week. In So. California, we are supporting the State's response with three OSCs based in Ventura.

NAVAJO NATION: President Begaye has written to the Administrator seeking prompt approval of TAS for two pending matters – the addition of 12-13 drinking water systems to their existing drinking water program primacy, and their pending application for water-quality standards authority (CWA 303/401 TAS). We stand ready to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Regarding the water-quality standards request, we're **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Lastly, re the WIIN Act-funded water quality monitoring program, we expect **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Of the tasks collectively identified at the October meeting with states and tribes, AZ DEQ has opted not to apply for any of these funds.

DRINKING WATER: our in-depth review of our states' lead-and-copper rule implementation has revealed **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

BROWNFIELDS: over 70 people attended our two brownfields community events in Fresno to focus on revitalizing an underserved neighborhood. The City, Habitat for Humanity, EPA and other partners also hosted training for community leaders, and a special Saturday session for local youth to present their photos of the area and envision the possibilities for renewal.

PAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTSCAA SIP ACTIONS: I proposed **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5****Deliberative Process / Ex. 5****Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**I also proposed **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5****Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: we welcome Reg. 8's Comptroller Ben Bielenberg for a one-month detail as Reg. 9's acting Comptroller. Ben has a welcome depth of experience as Comptroller, Regional Budget Officer and Regional Planner in recent years. In February, we'll be assisted by Reg. 8's Budget Officer Joe Poetter for a one-month detail. He'll be followed by OCFO's Sherri Anthony for the month of March. We are deeply grateful to Reg. 8 and OCFO for their support as we seek to build a strong financial management capability.

Region 10

Hot Issues

Pebble Limited Partnership Will Submit Permit Application December 22 (AK): The Pebble Limited Partnership issued a news release indicating its plans to submit federal Clean Water Act permit application for the Proposed Pebble Mine on December 22. This application will trigger the environmental review process. This week the company also announced a new major Canadian investor. <https://www.alaskapublic.org/2017/12/21/pebble-announces-federal-permit-application/>

Alaska's List of Impaired Water Bodies Out for Public Comment: On December 15, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation released its 2014/2016 Integrated Report for public comment. The comment period is open until January 29, 2018. Most notable are the proposed Category 5 impairment listings for the Kenai and the Little Susitna Rivers for turbidity, and a proposed Category 4b listing for the Little Susitna for petroleum hydrocarbons. The Little Susitna has not previously been listed as impaired. These listings have the potential to be controversial, because the suspected causes of the turbidity impairments are fishing guide boats, which provide a significant revenue source for the state. EPA and ADEC have both been contacted by stakeholders, and anticipate we may be again. Region 10 has already contacted by the media regarding the release of the report (<http://peninsulaclarion.com/news/local/2017-12-18/state-feds-determine-next-steps-after-turbidity-report>).

Upcoming Public Events

Public Hearing on Underground Injection Control Class II Well Transfer to EPA (ID): On January 8th, EPA will host a public hearing in Boise, Idaho as requested, to provide information on the UIC Class II program transfer that was announced in the Federal Register in November. This is a voluntary transfer requested by the state of Idaho. Public comments will be accepted at the hearing, and also on Regulations.Gov until the 45-day comment period closes on January 11, 2018. A fact sheet has been developed to provide context and answer FAQs from the public.

Region 10 News Release: EPA provides \$650K for diesel reductions from Seattle-area vessels: On January 8, Region 10 will **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 The PSCAA's Puget Sound Harbor Vessel Engine Replacement Program provides long-lasting emission reductions and public health benefits to a region whose air quality is significantly impacted by the large heavy diesel vessel fleet.

Region 10 to Speak on Federalism Panel at Idaho State Bar Meeting: On January 12th, the Idaho State Bar Association is hosting a conference entitled, "Exploring State and Federal Conflicts and Cooperation." Region 10's Idaho Operations Office Director will represent EPA on a panel at the conference which will focus on: "Working Together Under Federal Pollution Prevention Laws: State

and Federal Perspectives.” The other speakers on the panel are IDEQ Director John Tippetts and Deputy AG Lisa Carlson.

Upcoming Major Decisions

None to report this week

Last Week Highlights

EPA and Oregon DEQ Move Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup Forward: On December 19, Region 10 issued a news release announcing significant progress on the Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup including important agreements with responsible parties for site-wide baseline sampling that will guide future cleanup and for early action hot spot cleanups. We received excellent press coverage of the announcement. News release here: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-oregon-deq-move-portland-harbor-superfund-cleanup-forward>

Portland and Oregon Health Authority Sign Compliance Agreement for Treatment and Monitoring of Cryptosporidium in Drinking Water: On December 18 the Oregon Health Authority and the Portland Water Bureau signed a Bilateral Compliance Agreement which establishes a 10-year compliance schedule to construct a filtration treatment plant for cryptosporidium. Treatment is required to comply with EPA’s Long Term Treatment drinking water rule. PWB will continue to implement interim measures for watershed protection and meet the Public Notice requirements in the LT2 regulations. PWB will also maintain response protocols with OHA, EPA and local health officials to evaluate any cryptosporidium detections to ensure protection of public health while the filtration plant is being constructed. The most recent detections for cryptosporidium occurred on December 17th and 18th.

Gasoline Tanker Spill in Santiam River, Oregon: On December 15th, a road tanker truck carrying 11,500 gallons of gasoline rolled over, caught fire, and spill gasoline into the Santiam River. Gasoline odors were detected at least six miles downstream at the nearest town of Detroit, Oregon. Many local and state responders immediately deployed to the accident location. Downstream drinking water users were immediately notified to shut down their surface water intakes until the river water could be deemed safe for consumption. EPA Region 10 immediately deployed an On-Scene Coordinator and rapidly notified the natural resource trustees and three impacted tribes of the incident. Once the EPA OSC arrived on-scene and formed Unified Command with the responding agencies, priorities were developed to prevent further contamination of the river, clean-up contaminated soil from the roadway, assess and reopen the surface water intakes for the downstream drinking water sources, and get the highway reopened. Multiple rounds of water quality samples were collected from the five drinking water intakes as well as ambient air conditions was assessed both up and downstream of the accident location. Preliminary results all indicate that the air and water were safe for the public.

Office of Administration and Resources Management

Hot Issues

OSC certification

OARM is providing verification to the Office of Special Counsel of the agency's compliance with 5 U.S.C. 2302(c). The certification program allows federal agencies to confirm they've met the statutory obligation to inform their workforces about the rights and remedies available to them under the prohibited personnel practice and whistleblower retaliation protection provisions found therein.

Upcoming Public Events

None

Upcoming Major Decisions

None

Last Week's Highlights

Cybersecurity Coding

Cybersecurity coding for all EPA positions in the Department of Interior's Interior Business Center Federal Personnel and Payroll System was completed last week more than 4-months ahead of OPM's deadline of April 2018.

Office of Air and Radiation

Upcoming Hot Issues and Important Deadlines

- **OAR actions under review at OMB:**
 - Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfills New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and Emission Guidelines (EG) – Stay Notices
 - Implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Nonattainment Area Classifications Approach – Supplemental Proposal
 - Notice of Proposed Withdrawal of the Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry
- **State Implementation Plan (SIP)-Related Information:** We will resume reporting of SIP information in the January 4, 2018, report

Upcoming Meetings, Public Events, or Other Public Releases

- **Light Duty Vehicle Fuel Economy Trends Report and Greenhouse Gas Performance Report:** EPA is close to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Recap of Past Week

- **Actions signed/announced recently:**
 - Greenhouse Gas Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units - Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
 - Refrigerant Management Regulations for Small Cans of Motor Vehicle Refrigerant - Withdrawal of a direct final rule and a new final rulemaking
 - Approval of Louisiana's Request to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) Gasoline Volatility Standard for Several Parishes in Louisiana
 - Approval of Tennessee's Request to Relax the Federal RVP Gasoline Volatility Standard for Shelby County (Memphis)
 - Notice of Final Action Denying Petition for Rulemaking: Denial of Petition to List Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Under Clean Air Act Section 111
 - Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: Grain Sorghum Oil Pathway - Proposed rule
 - 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Standard Round 3 Designations: EPA designated all remaining areas of the country that did not elect to install new SO₂ air quality monitors.
 - 2015 Ozone Standard Designations: Later today Regional Administrators will issue 120-day letters to Governors outlining EPA's intended designations.

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

TSCA New Chemicals Determinations				
	Determination Type	Pending on 12/19/2017	Determinations Completed ¹ as 12/19/2017	Determinations Posted on the Website as of 12/19/2017
1	# of "not likely" determinations	1	108 ⁴	107 ⁴
2	# of §5(e) Orders signed by both EPA and the submitter	-	301	297
3	# of §5(e) Orders signed by EPA and awaiting submitter signature	65	-	-
4	# of non-Order SNURs/"not likely" determinations	0	0	0
5	# of cases in post-FOCUS final determination development ⁵	314 ^{3, 5}	-	-
6	# of cases flagged for in-depth review	57	-	-
7	# of PMNs, SNUNs and MCANs awaiting FOCUS (within 90-day review)	14	-	-
8	# of LVE/LOREX exemption grants	-	499	503
9	# of LVE/LOREX exemption denials	-	101	101
10	Total number of cases	451	1009	-
11	Normal active workload for the New Chemicals Program	300	-	-
12	Number of cases undergoing testing or data development by submitter	74 ³	-	-
13	Backlog²	77	-	-

¹"Determinations Completed" means that EPA has completed its reviews on these cases and that final determinations have been made by EPA under TSCA section 5(a)(3).

² (Total number of cases) – (Normal active workload for the New Chemicals Program) - (Number of cases undergoing testing or data development) = Backlog

³ Of these cases, approximately 73 are “active” lung toxicity cases that are suspended while submitters conduct testing to develop data on pchem properties and toxicity.

⁴ “Not Likely” determinations are not posted until the final signed determination document is prepared and has been shared with submitter.

⁵ These cases are those for which Post-FOCUS work is underway to develop: not likely determinations; non-Order SNURS coupled with not likely determinations; or section 5(e) or 5(f) Orders. When the OPPT Office Director decides which of these regulatory paths to follow, the case is moved to: Row 3 when the section 5(e) or 5(f) Order is sent to the submitter or signature; Row 4 when the SNUR is published; and Row 1 when the determination document is sent to the OPPT OD for signature.

HOT ISSUES

Neonicotinoid Ecological and Human Health Risk and Benefits Assessments for Public Comment

– On December 15, OPP issued an OPP Update (listserv) to announce the release of the preliminary ecological and human health risk assessments for the neonicotinoid insecticides clothianidin, thiamethoxam, and dinotefuran, and a preliminary ecological risk assessment for imidacloprid, assessing risks to birds, mammals, non-target insects, and plants. OPP also released its response to public comments on the 2014 Benefits of Neonicotinoid Seed Treatment to Soybean Production as well as new cotton and citrus benefits assessments for foliar applications of neonicotinoids. These assessments complement the preliminary pollinator-only risk assessments the Agency published for comment in 2016 and 2017. Preliminary human health and ecological assessments (for aquatic species only) were also released for imidacloprid in 2017. OPP is especially interested in public comment on the benefits assessments for cotton and for citrus, since previous assessments identified potential risks to pollinators from these uses. We believe early input from the public will be helpful in developing possible mitigation options that may be needed to address risks to bees. Among the benefits identified, the neonicotinoids were found to be critical for management of Asian citrus psyllid, which causes citrus greening—a devastating pest for citrus growers—and for control of plant bugs and stink bugs in cotton. OPP has responded to several press inquiries in a timely manner.

Glyphosate – On December 18, OPP issued an OPP Update (listserv) to announce the release of the draft human health and ecological risk assessments for glyphosate on the Web and later on www.regulations.gov (docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0361). In early 2018, OPP will open a 60-day public comment period. The ecological risk assessment includes an evaluation of the potential for effects on non-target organisms from exposure to glyphosate, incorporating available exposure and effects data, and most current risk assessment methods. EPA’s analysis indicates that there is a potential for effects on birds, mammals, and terrestrial and aquatic plants. The human health risk assessment includes an evaluation of dietary, residential/non-occupational, aggregate, and occupational exposures. No risks of concern were identified. Additionally, an in-depth review of the glyphosate cancer database was performed. The data, including epidemiological, animal carcinogenicity, and genotoxicity studies, led EPA to conclude that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. OPP has responded to several press inquiries in a timely manner.

Initiated Rulemaking to Revise Certain Aspects of the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard and the Certification and Training Rule – On December 14, OPP issued an OPP Update (listserv) to announce the initiation of the process to revise certain requirements in the Agricultural Worker

Protection Standard (WPS) and the Certification and Training (C&T) Rule. By the end of FY 2018, EPA expects to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to solicit public input on proposed revisions to the WPS requirements for minimum ages, designated representatives, and application exclusion zones. The compliance dates in the revised WPS published on November 2, 2015, remain in effect; the Agency does not intend Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Also, EPA initiated a process to revise the minimum age requirements in the C&T rule. EPA expects to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 The implementation dates in the January 4, 2017, final rule, (1) for certifying authorities to submit revised certification plans and (2) for EPA to act on those plans remain in effect; EPA has no plans to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 OPP has responded to several press inquiries in a timely manner.

Adopting 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes to the Toxics Release Inventory. On Tuesday, December 26, OCSPP will Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

PUBLIC EVENTS AND MEETINGS

January 9, 2018, Worker Protection Standard Presentation – An OPP staff representative will participate in a session on the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) with the Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association of Delaware in Harrington, DE during Delaware Ag-Week. This presentation, as well as another planned presentation in February, is the result of a controversial set of inspections/enforcement actions on WPS that were taken by EPA Region 3 with growers in Delaware. As part of the negotiated settlement discussions, the need for additional education was raised.

January 10, 2018, American Beekeeping Federation - Rick Keigwin, Director of the Office of Pesticide Programs, will be attending the annual meeting of the American Beekeeping Federation in Reno, Nevada, where he will be providing an update on EPA's pollinator protection efforts. He will also meet with individual beekeepers to listen to their concerns and to learn about new technologies they have been developing to control varroa mites.

January 12, 2018, Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference - Rick Keigwin will be attending the Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference in Savannah, Georgia, where he will be providing the grower community with updates on the implementation of the agricultural worker protection standard and the certification of pesticide applicators rule, as well as responding to questions regarding the new requirements for the use of dicamba in 2018 and other pesticide issues of importance to growers in the Southeast. He will also be meeting with staff from the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and the Georgia Department of Agriculture to discuss opportunities for increased collaboration and cooperation.

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Hot Issues

- The House of Representatives and Senate are expected to pass a short term continuing resolution funding the government through January 19.
- The House of Representatives passed an \$81 billion Supplemental for disaster relief for Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria. The bill includes \$6.2 million for the Superfund account and \$7 million for the LUST account.

Upcoming Public Events

- N/A

Upcoming Major Decisions

- Finalizing the final draft *FY 2018-2022 EPA Strategic Plan* for submission to OMB by December 22. The final draft Plan reflects **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
- Agency review of draft *FY 2017 Annual Performance Report* and two-page performance highlights concludes December 22. The APR presents results against budget measure targets in the *FY 2017 Annual Performance Plan and Congressional Justification* and will be part of the *FY 2019 CJ*.
- A memo to announce 2017 Enterprise Risks and to gain senior leadership support in developing priority area action plans to address the risks will be sent to senior leaders this week.
- A memo to announce the launch of the new Performance System will be sent to senior leaders this week.

Last Week Highlights

- N/A

Other

- Working with programs on draft FY 2018-2019 budget performance measures/targets due to OCFO on December 22.
- Working with NPMs to develop FY 2019 President's Budget submission materials and to coordinate briefings with OMB staff. Budget Justification Narratives are due to OCFO January 4.

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

- *Upcoming Hot Issues and Important Deadlines*

- *Upcoming Events*

- **TBD Week of January 1** – SEPW request for briefing on EPA PFAS activities
- **January 23-24** – EPA is partnering with the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- **January 24- 26** – US conference of Mayors will host its 86th annual Winter Meeting in Washington, DC
- **January 30** (tentative) - Superfund Oversight hearing before the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Environment (Witnesses: Kell Kelly, Barry Breen)

- *Past week accomplishments*

- **December 18** – Notification of draft risk assessments for glyphosate w/OCSPP
- **December 19** – Notification of the proposal to find that grain sorghum oil qualifies for advanced biofuel and biomass-based diesel designation under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program.
- **December 20** – Sen. Boozman (AR) and water associations meeting on draft WIFIA WIN Act w/OW
- **December 20** – Notification of final rule re CSO notification requirements in Great Lakes basin
- **December 21** – Notification of round three final area designations for SO₂ under the 2010 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
- **December 21** - OCIR staff spoke with Sen Schumer's office about locomotive emission credits.
- **December 21** – Senate Ag staff TA on draft FIFRA/ESA bill w/OCSPP, OGC)
- **December 22** – Cong. Latta (OH) staff briefing on antimicrobial copper w/OCSPP
- **December 22** – Planned notification of 120-day letters to governors in over 30 states and territories and tribal leaders in nearly a dozen tribes, indicating our suggested designation for areas under their jurisdiction for the 2015 ozone NAAQS

- *Ongoing activities*

- **FY18 Appropriations:** A short-term continuing resolution extending the government's funding until January 19, 2018 was passed by Congress.

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance**Hot Issues****Volkswagen Civil Case:**

- OECA anticipates that **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- EPA and CARB issued an approval to VW for an emissions modification for the larger 3.0 liter passenger cars covering model years 2014-2016 Audi A6 Quattro, A7 Quattro, A8, A8L and Q5 diesel vehicles. Once the emissions modification is applied, the vehicles will be brought into compliance with their certified emission standards (therefore no buyback option will be available to consumers under the terms of the coordinated 3.0 Liter settlements among EPA, CARB, FTC and the consumer class action). EPA and CARB will continue work to review the remaining emissions modifications for the Generation 1.1 and 1.2 3.0 Liter vehicles.

Upcoming Events/Public Meetings

On December 21st, Susan Bodine and Patrick Traylor will meet with the leadership of ECOS to discuss compliance and enforcement priorities.

Upcoming Major Decisions

None.

Last Week's Highlights

Meeting with USDA on Superfund Task Force: On December 19th, OECA's Federal Facilities Enforcement Office met with the USDA to discuss the Superfund Task Force. These discussions occurred as part of a quarterly meeting with the USDA organized by OLEM's Federal Facilities office. USDA was particularly interested in Recommendation 30, which addresses revising Agency policies and agreements to incentivize redevelopment. We are scheduling a follow up meeting with USDA to further explore their perspectives on Recommendation 30.

Clean Air Act Civil Settlement: On December 18th, the Southern District of Texas entered a Stipulation of Settlement resolving an action against Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc. (MSCG) for violations of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The company agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1,119,000 to resolve violations stemming from the production of gasoline that did not meet fuel standards. MSCG produced approximately 97.3 million gallons of gasoline by blending previously certified gasoline (PCG)

with blendstocks at the Kinder Morgan terminal in Pasadena, Texas in 2013 and 2014. The fuel MSCG produced did not meet the CAA reformulated gasoline volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions performance reduction standards that apply to gasoline produced by adding blendstocks to PCG. MSCG self-disclosed these violations to the EPA under the EPA's Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosure, Correction and Prevention of Violations.

RCRA Criminal Sentencing: On December 14th, Boasso America was sentenced in the Southern District of Georgia for the illegal transportation and dumping of hazardous waste in violation of RCRA. Boasso will pay \$50,000 in restitution to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, a criminal fine penalty of \$500,000, and has agreed to establish, implement, and enforce an effective environmental compliance plan.

In February 2015, approximately 90 drums and containers were dumped onto CSX railroad property and other locations around Savannah, Georgia including at a residence. Labels on some of the drums and containers indicated the waste was generated from Boasso America Corporation, a depot and transportation services company, providing local and long-haul trucking, tank cleaning and terminal services. Some of the drums contained naphthalene, a known hazardous waste. Management of Boasso had requested that employees quickly remove and dispose of the drums in anticipation of an inspection.

This case was investigated jointly by EPA's Criminal Investigations Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Savannah Fire Department's Haz-Mat team, the Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department, the Pooler Police Department, and the Effingham County Sheriff's Office.

Biodiesel and Tax Credit Scam Criminal Sentencing: On December 20th, former Gen-X Chief Operating Officer and Vice President Donald Holmes was sentenced in the Eastern District of Washington to 78 months of incarceration, supervised release of 36 months, and restitution in the amount of \$15,693,341.67. On December 16, 2015, Holmes pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and Conspiracy to Defraud the Government – False Claims for Tax Credits.

This investigation involves a multi-state scheme to defraud biodiesel buyers and U.S. taxpayers by fraudulently selling biodiesel credits and claiming alternative fuel tax credits. From March 2013 to March 2014, the co-conspirators generated at least 60 million fraudulent RINs that were based on fuel that was either never produced or was merely reprocessed at the Gen-X or SRC facilities. They received at least \$42 million from the sale of these fraudulent RINs to third parties. In addition, Gen-X received approximately \$4,360,700 in false tax credits for this fuel. CEO and Gen-X founder Scott Johnson and COO Donald Holmes each pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to defraud the government by making fraudulent claims for tax credits (18 U.S.C. §§ 286, 1349).

This case was investigated by EPA's Criminal Investigation Division, the U.S. Secret Service, and the IRS Criminal Investigations

Office of Environmental Information

-No report submitted-

Office of General Counsel

New Judicial Decisions

- The 9th Circuit denied without prejudice EPA's motion to dismiss LULAC's petition. EPA argued that the court lacked subject-matter jurisdiction because the petitioners had failed to exhaust their administrative remedies in challenging EPA's March 29, 2017, denial of the PANNA/NRDC petition to revoke chlorpyrifos tolerances. EPA argued that under the FFDCA, judicial review of a petition denial is only available following EPA's response to the administrative objections to EPA's petition denial. The court did not evaluate the substance of EPA's argument and made clear that it would permit EPA to repeat its jurisdictional arguments in its merits brief. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** (*LULAC v. Pruitt*, No. 17-71636 (9th Cir.))
- In a favorable decision in *Master v. Obama*. On 12/15/17, the District Court granted EPA's motion to dismiss due to lack of standing. Plaintiff alleged that EPA, NASA, NOAA, President Obama, and Sen. Franken made false representations that humans have caused rising temperatures, which harmed the country and caused the plaintiff to be blacklisted from scientific journals and denied the 2012 Nobel prize. (*Master v. Obama*, No. 2:17-cv-05532 (C.D. Ca.))

New Complaints Filed

- On December 15, 2017, the American Bakers Association filed a petition for review of EPA's final action entitled, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Nutritional Yeast Manufacturing Risk and Technology Review; Final Rule." This was the only petition for review filed. Procedural motions in the case are due January 18, 2018; dispositive motions are due February 2, 2018. The American Bakers Association also submitted a petition for reconsideration of the final rule on December 15, 2017. (*Am. Bakers Ass'n v. EPA*, No. 17-1264 (D.C. Cir.))
- A challenge to the risk and technology review for the pulp and paper NESHAP was filed with the D.C. Circuit. Environmental petitioners also filed petitions for administrative reconsideration asking the agency to reconsider its decision not to establish standards for certain unregulated hazardous air pollutants (they argue we are obligated to do this as part of a RTR) and raising an issue regarding the use of the census block centroid in risk modeling for chronic health risks. (*Crossett Concerned Citizens for Environmental Justice v. EPA*, No. 17-1257 (D.C. Cir.))
- On December 19, 2017, the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Charleston District, U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, U.S. EPA, and South Carolina Department of Transportation relating to the construction of Interstate 73 in South Carolina. The complaint alleges that EPA failed to exercise its mandatory duty over the Army Corps imposed by section 404 of the CWA. The complaint also alleges that EPA acted contrary to law when it failed to follow the 404(q) memo and failed to object to the

Corps' issuance of a 404 permit that violates the 404(b)(1) Guidelines. (*South Carolina Coastal Conservation League v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, No. 2:17-cv-03412 (D.S.C.))

- A petition for review was filed by AFPM challenging the 2018 Renewable Fuel Standards. Each year, EPA is required to set standards for four different types of renewable fuels to be blended into gasoline and diesel transportation fuel. The annual rule for 2018 (and 2019 biomass-based diesel) standards was published on December 12, and it appears AFPM filed a petition that day. (*American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers v. EPA*, No. TBD (D.C. Cir.))
- The National Parks Conservation Association, Sierra Club, and the Environmental Defense Fund have filed a petition for review in the Fifth Circuit challenging EPA's recent regional haze FIP addressing the best available retrofit technology (or BART) requirements for power plants in the state. Rather than requiring the installation of source-specific controls as proposed in January 2017, EPA issued a FIP that establishes an intrastate trading program for emissions of SO₂ similar to the CSAPR program in terms of its operation and budgets. Because of limitation on time, EPA did not provide an opportunity for public comment on the intrastate trading program as a means of addressing the BART requirements; the environmental petitioners have filed a petition under 307(d)(7)(B) asking EPA to reconsider certain aspects of our FIP. (*National Parks Conservation Association v. EPA*, No. TBD (5th Cir.))

Hot Topics

- On December 18, 2017, Public Citizen filed GAO bid protests on behalf of Fenton Communication and New Heights Communications. The protests allege that the Agency improperly awarded a \$125,000 sole source contract to Definers Corporation (Definers) for news analysis services. After reviewing the facts, the Agency determined that there was merit to the protest grounds and that Definers' contract should be terminated. On December 19, 2017, the Agency terminated Definers' contract. Accordingly, EPA plans to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5. Deliberative Process / Ex. 5. (*Fenton Communications v. EPA*, B-415800.1 and *New Heights Communications v. EPA*, B-415800.2)

New Petitions that OGC is Aware Of

- None that OGC is aware of.

Upcoming Public Events & Important Meetings in the Next Two Weeks

- Kevin Minoli will be out of the office from December 20 through December 26.

Upcoming Major Deadlines in the Next Two Weeks

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Office of International and Tribal Affairs**Hot Issues:**

None

Upcoming Engagements:

None

Past Week Highlights:

Mexico Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources - Administrator Pruitt and Secretary Pacchiano, Mexico Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), had a conference call this week. The Administrator reaffirmed EPA's commitment to bilateral cooperation with Mexico under the U.S.-Mexico Border Program and trilateral cooperation under the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). The Administrator expressed an interest in meeting with Secretary Pacchiano in Mexico and also extended an invitation to the Secretary to join him in Oklahoma City for the CEC Council Session in June 2018.

Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP): OITA held a webinar for regional offices regarding the eligibility requirements for intertribal consortia under GAP. Under the GAP statute, an intertribal consortium is defined as "a partnership between two or more Indian tribal governments authorized by the governing bodies of those tribes to apply for and receive assistance pursuant to this section." The goal in funding intertribal consortia under GAP is to build the capacity of their member tribal governments to administer environmental protection programs and to implement tribal solid and hazardous waste programs. To meet that goal, EPA requires intertribal consortia to provide some documentary proof that all consortia member tribes authorized the consortia to apply for and receive the grant on the tribe's behalf. However some intertribal consortia find it difficult to meet the "all tribes authorize the grant" standard and OITA is promoting national consistency in how we interpret and apply the requirement.

Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles Addresses Used Vehicles

OITA participated in a meeting of the Partnership for Clean Fuels (PCFV) Used Vehicles Working Group to discuss strategies for reducing harmful older vehicles in developing countries. EPA is a founding and active partner of the PCFV, which is a global, public-private partnership led by UN Environment, to reduce air pollution from transportation through promoting clean fuels and vehicles technology. PCFV successfully eliminated lead from gasoline and is also promoting clean, low sulfur fuels. The Used Vehicles Working Group is seeking to develop recommended strategies for developing countries to help reduce the vehicle age of imported vehicles. Many imported vehicles in developing countries are old and polluting. Policies to ensure newer imported vehicles would help reduce the air pollution impacts from older vehicles. The Working Group will develop a report on suggested strategies in early 2018.

Private Sector Roundtable on Food Loss and Waste

EPA (OITA/OLEM) participated in a roundtable discussion hosted by the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) North America Liaison Office on “Private Sector Solutions to Food Loss and Waste”. Speakers included representatives from FAO, the National Restaurant Association, and Grocery Manufacturers Association. EPA (OITA/OLEM) also attended a workshop on “Farm-to-Retail Food Loss in Produce: An Exploratory Discussion on the Causes and Economic Drivers of Change” organized by the USDA Economic Research Service.

Office of Land and Emergency Management

Hot Issues

1. **Emergency responses to hurricanes and wildfires.** Large-scale responses continue in both Region 2 (Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands) and Region 9 (Northern and Southern California).
2. **Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR).**
 - a. OLEM is working with Region 6 and OGC on a proposal to approve Oklahoma's CCR state permit program. A letter of completeness was sent to Oklahoma on December 21.
 - b. OLEM, OGC, OP, and OA developed a plan to publish a remand rule in the Federal Register in late January. The package went to OMB on December 19, 2017.
 - c. We are working with the AO and OGC on answers to questions posed by Indiana.
3. **Clean Air Act 112(r) Risk Management Program (RMP).**
4. **Ongoing major Superfund NPL sites (for example, B.F. Goodrich, East Chicago, West Lake, Gold King Mine/Bonita Peak, Hudson River, Portland Harbor, Mississippi Phosphates).** OMB has finished reviewing the next round of proposed and final rules to update the National Priorities List. We are preparing for Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
5. **CERCLA-EPCRA AFO-CAFO Rule.** The DC Circuit Court of Appeals granted EPA's motion to further stay the mandate until January 22, 2018. No reporting is necessary until the mandate is issued.

Upcoming Public Events

1. **WasteWise Awards.** OLEM is recognizing 16 organizations for their leadership in waste prevention and diversion through this year's WasteWise Awards.

Upcoming Major Decisions

1. **E-Manifest User Fee Final Rule.** Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Last Week Highlights

1. **Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket.** Since 1988, EPA has maintained a Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket under Section 120(c) of CERCLA, which requires EPA to establish a Docket that contains certain information reported to EPA by Federal facilities that manage hazardous waste or from which a reportable quantity of hazardous substances has been released. On December 8, a notice was published in the Federal Register that identifies the Federal facilities not previously listed on the Docket and Federal facilities reported to EPA since the last update in June 2017. The notice also includes a section with revisions of the previous Docket list and a section of Federal facilities that are to be deleted from the Docket. At the time

of publication of this notice, the new total number of Federal facilities listed on the Docket is 2,349.

2. **CERCLA 108(b) Financial Assurance for Hard Rock Mining and Mineral Processing.** The final rule is **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
3. **Meeting with Senate Environment and Public Works (SEPW) Staff.** OLEM briefed SEPW staffers to answer questions on the CERCLA and EPCRA reporting requirements in two separate calls on December 19th and 20th. The congressional staff had general questions on the guidance and on EPA's plans for implementing the reporting requirements. EPA also provided background on the regulatory history of the reporting requirements.

Office of Policy

-No Report Submitted-

Office of Research and Development

Administrator,

This week ORD held our first monthly business review meeting where we walked through dashboard analytics and discussed their meaning to ORD. We also discussed mission metrics data, challenges, and next steps. The meeting was instructive and will inform future meetings.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Upcoming public events**People, Prosperity, and the Planet (P3) Program**

ORD's People, Prosperity, and the Planet (P3) Program has just released its 15th Annual P3 Awards Solicitation. EPA offers the P3 Competition to respond to the technical needs of the world and to support education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). This competition encourages interdisciplinary teams of college students to use STEM principles to create innovative projects aimed at researching and developing solutions to real world challenges. P3 includes four broad research categories that are within EPA's statutory authority, and this solicitation is requesting applications in the following areas:

- Improve Air Quality
- Provide Clean and Safe Water
- Prevent Contamination of Land, and
- Ensure Safety of Chemicals in the Marketplace

Release of Village Blue Web Application

The Village Blue project is providing real-time water quality monitoring data to the Baltimore community and is testing, evaluating, and developing water sensors to collect real-time water quality data. On December 26, the new Village Blue web-based application will be released to the public, along with a fact sheet and frequently asked questions. The app displays the data in a mobile-friendly, easy-to-understand format complimentary to work that a number of state and local organizations are already doing to make water quality data available to the public. The app will be linked from the Village Blue landing page, also to be released December 26: <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/village-blue>

Helping Oregon Farmers Improve Farmland Management and Water Quality

On January 10, ORD will meet in Monroe, OR, with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Local Area Committee for the Upper Willamette and Upper Siuslaw Watersheds (UWUS LAC) to discuss potential ways to reduce nitrate leaching to groundwater in this area where nitrate contamination has been identified as a problem. ORD is leading a [study in Oregon's southern Willamette Valley](#) to determine best practices for minimizing nitrate leaching while maintaining crop yield. The study's findings, so far, about the most effective ways for farmers to waste less money on fertilizer that washes away, while protecting and maintaining water quality, are of interest to the UWUS LAC. ODA Local Area Committees are charged with developing Area Plans that identify strategies to prevent and control pollution from agricultural activities to achieve and maintain water quality standards.

Last week Highlights

New Approach to Identify Commonly Occurring Chemical Mixtures

A recently published news feature in *Environmental Health Perspectives* highlights ORD research to identify chemical combinations that most frequently occur in humans as measured in biomonitoring studies of the America population. The article is based on ORD research from the peer-reviewed publication in EHP [here](#). The researchers used an approach called frequent itemset mining (FIM) that was originally developed to identify commercial products that were most frequently purchased together. For their analysis, the researchers used the FIM approach to identify chemicals that most frequently appear together in the blood and urine of people throughout the US. These co-occurring chemicals can then be used to focus research efforts to understand the potential toxicological effects of relevant mixtures that occur in humans. Without identifying the most common co-occurring chemicals, a near infinite number of chemical combinations would need to be tested for potential toxicity. The full news feature can be found [here](#).

Online Particle Pollution Course Shared with Over 60,000 Health Care Professionals

The current edition of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Million Hearts e-Update, which goes to 60,000 e-mail subscribers, promotes the online continuing education training course developed by EPA and CDC for health care professionals. "[Particle Pollution and Your Patients' Health](#)". It provides evidence-based training about respiratory and cardiovascular health effects associated with particle pollution exposure and includes educational tools to help patients learn how to use the Air Quality Index to protect their health. The course is available for Continuing Medical Education, Continuing Nursing Education, and continuing education credit for other health care professionals and demonstrates the value of such partnerships to amplify EPA's public health research, messages, and reach.

***Bacillus anthracis* detection: ORD publishes Second Edition of protocol for EPA lab networks**

ORD recently published a second edition of the step-by-step [Protocol for Detection of *Bacillus anthracis* in Environmental Samples During the Remediation Phase of an Anthrax Incident](#) first published in 2012. This protocol includes three analytical methods and sample-type-specific processing procedures for the detection of *B. anthracis* spores in various environmental matrices (e.g., aerosols, particulates and drinking water). To simply detect the presence of the deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) of *B. anthracis*, real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based sample analysis method is included. To detect whether [viable](#) *B. anthracis* spores are present in the samples, microbiological culture and ORD's Rapid Viability-PCR (RV-PCR) analytical methods are included. This edition includes analysis of additional sample types, and updated RV-PCR method. These updates are based on finding from recent research efforts, feedback from laboratories, and changing policies. This protocol has been specifically developed for use by the EPA's emergency response lab networks – the Environmental Response Laboratory Network and the Water Laboratory Alliance - for the analysis of environmental samples during an anthrax incident. Also, since this is an open-access protocol, it can also be used by the national and international biodefense communities.

Supporting Region 3 Efforts to Protect Natural Resources at Waste Site

ORD is providing technical support to Region 3 to help protect water bodies at several locations at the [Saltville Waste Disposal Ponds site](#) (Saltville, Virginia), a former chemical manufacturing facility. The effort includes containment of toxic wastes and installation of a sustainable, environmentally friendly barrier at various locations to protect humans, animals and ecological species and to prevent release of toxic contaminants to soil and water bodies. The selection of the barrier material considers use of

locally available cost-effective natural materials that are free from any detrimental contaminants of concern and capable of immobilizing toxics.

Office of Water**Hot Issues**

Vessels Permitting: On December 19, the Congressional permit moratorium for incidental discharges from all commercial fishing vessels and other small commercial vessels (e.g., utility vessels, freight barges, passenger vessels) less than 79 feet in length ended. As a result, approximately 125,000 additional vessels are now required to obtain NPDES permit coverage for these discharges, most likely under the Small Vessel General Permit (sVGP). Affected vessel owner/operators can obtain permit coverage under the sVGP by completing the one-page Permit Authorization and Record of Inspection (PARI) Form and retaining a copy of the signed form onboard the vessel.

Delegation of Authority: As early as today, OW anticipates sending a request to the Administrator to approve a temporary delegation of authority to the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator (PDAA) for the Office of Water, Benita Best-Wong. This delegation of authority will permit the Acting PDAA to take all necessary action in performance of functions and duties that previously were delegated to the Assistant Administrator (AA) for the Office of Water, and will be in effect from the date of Acting AA Mike Shapiro's retirement (December 31, 2017) until David Ross assumes his position as Assistant Administrator, expected on January 8, 2018.

Steam Electric FOIA: Next week, in response to a court order, EPA will Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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Waters of the U.S.: EPA has received approximately 4,600 comments on the proposed rule to add an applicability date to the 2015 rule, with seven mass mailer campaigns identified to date. The docket continues to process public comments and work is underway to parse the comments which will in turn allow staff to summarize issues in early January. In support of the step 2 rule, the staff team met with the Red Cliff Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa on December 20 to present an overview of the rulemaking process and pre-proposal feedback received to date. The tribe intends to provide further feedback to the agencies. The agencies are also working with state associations to begin planning for further co-regulator engagement and plan to send letters to the RTOC chairs in early January to identify tribal representatives for engagement.

Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide: Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Class VI Implementation Manual for UIC Program Directors: As early as next week, EPA anticipates Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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Lead and Copper Rule Federalism Consultation: On January 8, EPA will Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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Upcoming Public Events

NONE

Last Week Highlights

San Juan Watershed Monitoring Program: Today, EPA finalized guidance for issuing CWA section 106 grants to implement portions of the San Juan Watershed Monitoring Program authorized by Section 5004(d) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (“WIIN Act”). Prior to issuing this guidance, OW worked with the affected Regions and consulted with states and tribes on the overall long-term monitoring program, including the specific amounts to be awarded to jurisdictions via 106 grants. Regions 6, 8 and 9 will now work with the jurisdiction to issue grants in accordance with the guidance. The target is to make grant awards by the end of February, in time for monitoring during the spring runoff period and thereafter.

Missouri Nutrient Criteria Rulemaking: On December 15th, EPA met its consent decree to have the proposed rule for Missouri numeric nutrient criteria (NNC) for lakes signed by the Administrator. The EPA proposal includes two options: one identical to a state proposal that is currently still in the state adoption process, and another that aligns with the state proposal in all but a few key respects. The proposal is anticipated to publish on December 27, 2017 for a 60-day comment period, ending on February 26, 2018. There will be two virtual public hearings on February 7 and 8, 2018.

Public Notification Requirements for CSOs to the Great Lakes Basin: This week, OW finalized a rule establishing public notification requirements for combined sewer overflows (CSO) to the Great Lakes Basin as required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016. These notification requirements apply to 158 communities with CSOs that discharge to the Great Lakes Basin and address signage, notification of combined sewer overflows to local health departments and the public, and annual notice provisions. This rule protects public health by ensuring timely notification to the public and to public health departments, public drinking water facilities and other potentially affected public entities, including Indian tribes.

Availability-Based Project Waiver of American Iron and Steel Requirements, City of Jacksonville, IL New Water Treatment Plant Project: This week, EPA granted an availability-based project-specific waiver pursuant to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements to the City of Jacksonville, IL for the purchase of forty-five 14-inch uni-flange adaptors for the New Water Treatment Plant Project. This waiver permits the use of 14-inch uni-flange adaptors that have not been produced domestically because no known domestic manufacturer produces 14-inch uniflange adaptors that meet the project's technical specification. This is a project-specific waiver and only applies to the use of the specified product for the referenced project funded by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Any other project funded by either the Drinking Water or Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) that wishes to use the same product must request a separate waiver based on the specific project circumstances.

To: Vizian, Donna[Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 12/19/2017 3:22:56 PM
Subject: talked to definers ..

Told them I would close the loop with them

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 4/17/2018 11:03:26 PM
Subject: RE: FOIA Appeal to FOIA-HQ-2018-003680

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Subject: RE: FOIA Appeal to FOIA-HQ-2018-003680

Do these documents close out the 13 other FOIAs? If not, what else is out there that will be released?

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Donna and Nancy –

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Please advise.

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Lynnann Hitchens

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Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 5:38 PM

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Cc: Hitchens, Lynnann <hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: responsive documents

Good afternoon Nancy,

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Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and help with this.

Have a good evening,

Kristina

From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 5:21 PM

To: Hitchens, Lynnann <hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov>

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Subject: RE: responsive documents

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Thanks --

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[Whitehouse News Analysis 4-16-18.docx](#)
[Pallone Definers 4-16-18.docx](#)
[Pallone Definers 1-5-18.pdf](#)
[DeFazio Definers 1-3-18.pdf](#)
[Whitehouse News Analysis 12-19-17.pdf](#)
[Definers contract documents.pdf](#)

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Hi Nancy,

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Thanks,
Kristien

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[Whitehouse News Analysis 1-26-18.docx](#)
[Whitehouse News Analysis 12-19-17.pdf](#)

Per my earlier message

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To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Carper - Definers response

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Thanks,
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Subject: opa budget

Campaign Monitor software -- \$150/month

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Frames for hallways -- \$3500-\$6600

RWA for wall repairs and hanging new photos -- \$20,000

Cubicle enlargement in 3407 -- \$

Challenge coins -- \$2500

Translation Services - \$

SEE employee -- \$36,000 - contract expires 2/18

EPA ID clothing --

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Hi all—

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Thanks everyone!

--Tricia

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Michael

Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>

Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hello,

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5. Thank you.

Have a great day,

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Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thanks **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Thanks all

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Hi All

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Sent: Mon 1/29/2018 11:33:40 AM
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From: Knapp, Kristien
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 7:12 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Carper - Definers response

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From: Knapp, Kristien
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 6:05 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Carper - Definers response

Nancy –

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I know OARM can also help with these, but I thought you might know too.

Thanks,
Kristien

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To: Hope, Brian[Hope.Brian@epa.gov]; White, Elizabeth[white.elizabeth@epa.gov]
Cc: Sauerhage, Maggie[Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 3/26/2018 5:53:17 PM
Subject: FW: CMS

Hi –

As you can see in the below – we are working to diminish our CMS backlog.

Maggie and I would like to meet with you this week (any day but Friday) to discuss how we get these across the finish line.

Thanks ng

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From: Sauerhage, Maggie
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 11:04 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS

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Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 10:45 AM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS

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Subject: FW: CMS

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Thank you,

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Looks good – and Kristien can help you on the definers thanks ng

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Nothing on Definers. For Harvey/Superfund, how’s this from QFRs:

Draft response:

Thank you for your message: **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Thanks .. agree that **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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For Definers .. Kistien Knapp .. OCIR -- can help –copied her here -- they did a congressional letter.

And for Hurricane Harvey – copying David Gray in Region 6 to see if **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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To: Patrick, Kimberly[Patrick.Kimberly@epa.gov]; Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Patrick, Kimberly[Patrick.Kimberly@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 12/18/2017 7:18:22 PM
Subject: FW: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

this is what we need to talk about – see #3 below – as well as the matter Keith raised with me on Friday. Please let me know when we can connect thanks ng

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 2:00 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

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From: Friedman, Lisa [<mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

Hi folks. I have a few follow up questions on the nature of the contract with Definers I hope you can answer.

1. The contract itself notes that it was a sole-source notification, a no-bid contract. Can you explain to me why this qualified as a no-bid contract. Are they the only company that can provide this service? Unique in some way? Is there any written justification that was conducted that you can provide me?
2. You noted in an earlier response to me that in a sole-source notification a notice must be placed on federal websites to other vendors may provide proof of their ability to conduct the services. In this case, you noted, one additional vendor did so. Can you please provide the name and/or response itself of the company that responded?
3. The contract notes that Definers is self-designated as a disadvantaged business. Executives at Definers said they believe that is a clerical error and that they did not purposely claim any disadvantaged status. Can you please explain to me why the company is designated as such, how that came to be, and if any benefits were incurred to the company because of that status.

Thanks so much,
Lisa

--
Lisa Friedman
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To: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna[Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 3/9/2018 3:06:48 PM
Subject: FW: EPA and Go BIG Media, Inc.

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Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:02 AM
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Subject: Re: EPA and Go BIG Media, Inc.

“We had two options: one vendor was \$29,140 and the other was \$6,500, but ultimately this document was made in-house. This pales in comparison to the previous administration that paid \$570,000 to a Democratic campaign manager’s PR firm to run EPA’s What’s Upstream campaign.” – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

On Mar 9, 2018, at 9:35 AM, Kevin Bogardus <kbogardus@eenews.net> wrote:

Hey guys,

It’s Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.

Myself and a colleague are working on a piece about Go BIG Media, Inc. and EPA. Go BIG Media, a Republican media firm, signed a contract with EPA last month to help produce an “end of year report” (<https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/61802028>). I had some questions for you about this, which are:

- Did Go BIG Media, Inc. work on EPA’s “EPA Year in Review 2017-2018” report (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-03/documents/year_in_review_3.5.18.pdf)? If so, what exactly did Go BIG Media do on the report? Editing? Graphics? Design? Please be specific as possible.
- Did EPA pay Go BIG Media for this work on the report? If so, how much? According to [USAspending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov) data, \$0 of the contract has been obligated but Elliot Fuchs, Go BIG Media’s controller, told me that EPA did pay the firm \$6,500 for its work for the agency. I wanted to check that with you to make sure it was accurate.
- How did Go BIG Media end up doing this work for EPA? Who contacted who first?
- Is Go BIG Media’s work on this report required under the contract Go BIG Media signed with EPA last month for “design, graphics, production and edits of the EPA end of year report” (<https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/61802028>)?
- The [USAspending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov) data shows there were two offers received for this contract. Who else bid for this contract?
- Go BIG Media is a Republican media firm. The last time a Republican firm, Definers Corp., had a contract with EPA, Definers ended up losing its contract with EPA. Are you worried about a similar backlash to this contract?

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is 12:30 pm EST today but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Thank you for your help.

Kevin Bogardus

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Cc: Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Yaeger, Ryan[Yaeger.Ryan@epa.gov]; Knapp, Kristien[Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov]
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Sent: Thur 1/4/2018 3:25:16 PM
Subject: RE: Definers info per our discussion

Will review thanks ng

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Subject: RE: Definers info per our discussion

Thanks Nancy. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**. Please take a look and let me know what you think. I'll be at my desk most of today (and tomorrow) if you'd like to discuss.

-Kyle

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 7:48 AM
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Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers info per our discussion

Please see attached and let me know if this works for responding to the oversight correspondence on this matter. Once you have reviewed, we should probably run it through OAM and OGC to make sure it is fully accurate.

Thanks ng

To: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 12/4/2017 5:28:39 PM
Subject: FW: Link to Procurement Announcement

More on this issue – which continues to raise my concerns.

Thank ng

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Link to Procurement Announcement

Hi Nancy,

I attempted to register for the site but the approval person for EPA retired about 6 years ago. Upon doing more research I found that we do not need to register, the information is all there. Registration would be for a vendor who would like to apply for a posting. Please see below.

This is just a notification of a sole source and Donna would receive any inquiries from other vendors. We wouldn't be able to see those as she is the contact person. It looks like they did not put any specific requirements in this Sole Source Notification. Hope this help, if not feel free to call me.

Have a great day,

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Opportunity: Media Support/News analysis service

Description

Sole Source Notification for News analysis and brief service focusing on EPA work and other topics of interest to EPA. The intended awardee is Definers Corp, 1500 Wilson Blvd #5, Arlington, VA 22209-2458 - Phone# 571-290-5481

Overview

Reference number: 68HE0H18B0002

Issue date: 11/29/2017

Response due:

Set Aside: N/A

NAICS: 541820-Public Relations Agencies

PSC / FSC: 7830

Agency: EPA

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Michael,

Do you have a password/access to fedbiz so we can fully see what was posted in terms of requirements? Thanks ng

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Link to Procurement Announcement

Hi Nancy—

Here's the link to the Definers notice on FedBizOpps. It links to FedConnect as well, but you have to search for it and the site doesn't provide a link to the specific entry, even once you've searched. In any case, it doesn't say much more than the FBO link:

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=479f24101a13dd3ab53e37f06c231a4f&tab=core&_cview=0

Also, I wanted to ask...

In Donna's last email she said:

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Tricia Lynn
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. EPA
Office: 202.564.2615

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 10/25/2017 12:34:54 PM
Subject: Re: Definers - George, just checking in .. michael quarles seems to think you did some market research on this .. is that the case? we need it for sole source justification thanks

TD

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2017, at 8:33 AM, Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:

Nancy,
I'm in training today but will get you an answer at our lunch break.- George

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 6/27/2017 9:36:13 PM
Subject: RE: Definers

If we could lock in next Thursday morning that would be great. Otherwise this upcoming Friday works (I cant be part of it).

From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers

That makes sense. I'm asking Joe to give me a demo. I would do it on Thursday, but I have to take the day off for a family matter. If you would like to be part of the demo, I could find another day. - George

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers

Thanks man! I am out on Friday but the rapid response clips are helpful and the interns doing a great job but we miss stuff late at night.

From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:53 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers

I'm trying to get a time set up with him on Friday. - George

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:52 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers

Where are we on setting up a call with Joe. I really don't need to do a call, I know the quality of their product. Last night a story about in the NYT and would've been nice to have someone at the helm to send that out as it happened.

Jahan Wilcox
EPA
Strategic Communications Advisor
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Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 8:44:56 PM
Subject: RE: Update on Definers

Thanks

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on Definers

Here is an update from my end. Julia Valentine and I continued to work with the contracts officers on moving this forward last week. Contracts **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 I will keep you updated as we move forward. - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on Definers

I have been told by contracts that this is **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
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Thanks ng

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Update on Definers

George –

I know you are on vacation (or out of the office) so no need to respond but where are we on Definers doing all of our clips? Hope you have a great weekend.

Jahan Wilcox
EPA

Strategic Communications Advisor

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Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]; Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 10/24/2017 10:48:27 PM
Subject: Definers - George, just checking in .. michael quarles seems to think you did some market research on this .. is that the case? we need it for sole source justification thanks

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 8:02:08 PM
Subject: RE: any update on the definers/clips contract? thanks ng

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: any update on the definers/clips contract? thanks ng

Yes, I'll update you when I'm out of this meeting in a half hour. - George

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 7:51:33 PM
Subject: any update on the definers/clips contract? thanks ng

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
Cc: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 8/29/2017 12:04:44 PM
Subject: RE: Status of definer contract? Thx ng

Thanks .. I will also need the contacts at definers ..thanksng

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 6:23 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Status of definer contract? Thx ng

Absolutely. Donna Dews is the contracts officer. I've also been working with Jody Gosnell, who is Donna's team leader. - George

-----Original Message-----

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Status of definer contract? Thx ng

Thanks -- George, can you connect me with folks in OAM/contracts who are working on this .. so I can pick it up when you head over to olem.

Thanks ng

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hull, George
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Status of definer contract? Thx ng

Last week, I set up a call with contracts to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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In addition to the information that was provided in the PR, contracts sent me a form for Justification of Non-Competition. I've Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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- George

-----Original Message-----

From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:55 AM

To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>

Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: Status of definer contract? Thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: McCluney, Lance
Sent: Mon 7/24/2017 9:04:19 PM
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

Thanks George.

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 5:03 PM
To: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>; Ellison, Mardiko <Ellison.Mardiko@epa.gov>
Cc: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Sole Source Justification

+ Lance, Nicole and Mardiko. - George

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>
Subject: Sole Source Justification

Reggie,
Here is a sole source justification for the Definers Media Clips Service contract. Let me know if this works or you need more. –
George

Justification for single source:

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 4:41:12 PM
Subject: RE: Media Clips Service Contract

Cool

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Clips Service Contract

Jahan,

I checked with Definers whether **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Also, just wanted to check, most of past leaders (appointed and career) have wanted **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Clips Service Contract

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George, do we now have everything we need to get this in the system and get it moving? thanksng

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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:27 AM
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Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Clips Service Contract

I would update this to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Additionally, in terms of **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 My suggestion would be **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Media Clips Service Contract

Hi Jahan,
Circling back to see if you have any comments, before we move forward on this. Thanks, George

From: Hull, George
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Nancy Grantham (grantham.nancy@epa.gov) <grantham.nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Media Clips Service Contract

Nancy and Jahan,

Please find attached the draft "Statement of Work" for the Definers contract that we are developing. The Statement of Work is the section of the contract that lays out the details of what we expect the company to provide, parameters on delivery, timing, etc. I believe this language to be consistent with our conversations on the services we are seeking, but thought it was important that you review and have a chance to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 If you could get back to me on Monday morning, I can Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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Thanks, George

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 7/7/2017 10:40:07 PM
Subject: RE: Media Clips Service Contract

Thanks much

Nancy Grantham
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From: Hull, George
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 6:39 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Media Clips Service Contract

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 7/7/2017 2:02:11 PM
Subject: RE: Call with Definers

I will come down ..thanks ng

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Call with Definers

Nancy,
William Schenkel from Definers is calling me at 11:00 am to

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 Would you like to come down, or I can conference you in. - George

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 7/7/2017 1:14:05 PM
Subject: RE: have talked with contracts re: definers

perfect

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: have talked with contracts re: definers

I can come up now, if that works for you? - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 9:12 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: have talked with contracts re: definers

George,

I talked with contracts this morning and know what we need to do to move this. Please come up at your convenience so we can get the process underway.

Thanks ng

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 8:17:32 PM
Subject: FW: Where are we on getting a clips service?

Cool. Thank you!

From: Hull, George
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Where are we on getting a clips service?

I called Joe Pounder of Definers after you sent me his contact information. I left him a message explaining Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Surprisingly, he hasn't called me back. I'll try him again and also by e-mail. - George

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Where are we on getting a clips service?

Jahan Wilcox
EPA
Strategic Communications Advisor
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Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 10/25/2017 5:06:34 PM
Subject: RE: JOFOC for Media Support Contract

Thanks

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: JOFOC for Media Support Contract

The information was based on

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 George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: JOFOC for Media Support Contract

Thanks . . One questions is whether

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Copying Tricia Lynn as she is helping with this now.

Thanks ng

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:01 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: JOFOC for Media Support Contract

Nancy,
Attached is the last action I took on the Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition for the Definers contract. I never did receive a DUNS number from Definers. - George

From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 6:37 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Nancy Grantham (grantham.nancy@epa.gov) <grantham.nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: JOFOC for Media Support Contract

Jody,

I've attached a revised version of the Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition for the media support contract OPA is seeking. I have tried to address your earlier comments. Please let me know if you see any deficiencies in the information provided. Note that I have asked:

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 3:11:18 PM
Subject: RE: Definers

Thank you!

Julia P. Valentine
Assoc. Dir./Acting Dir.
U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations
202.564.2663 direct

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Definers

Sent from my iPhone
Begin forwarded message:

From: Joe Pounder <jpounder@definerscorp.com>
Date: July 7, 2017 at 8:24:28 AM EDT
To: "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: William Schenkel <wschenkel@definerscorp.com>
Subject: Re:

Hey George,

No problem. I'm adding Will who runs our war room here at Definers who can connect with you today or next week. Thanks

Joe

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 5:21 PM, Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:
Thanks, Joe. The demo next week would be great. Also, is there someone I could speak to tomorrow to get a detailed description of how the 'war room' approach works? I'm trying to get an understanding of the unique benefits of your approach. Thanks, George

From: Joe Pounder [<mailto:jpounder@definerscorp.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 4:32 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject:

George,

Sorry, I just got your message as I've been traveling overseas on business and won't be back until 7/6. We can give a demo but have to customize a Dashboard so we could probably schedule something for late next week? Hope all is well and again sorry for the delay.

--
Joe Pounder
jpounder@definerscorp.com
[571-290-5460](tel:571-290-5460)

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Joe Pounder

jpounder@definerscorp.com

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Subject: Media Clips Contract
Sole Source JOFOC OA (002).docx

Michael,

I've taken the form that Donna Dews in Contracting sent to me and added language (in red) to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Can you take a look and give me a call. I would value your input on **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** also wanted to ask you **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Thanks, George (tel. 202-564-0790).

To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
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Cc: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 3:38:55 PM
Subject: Re: Media Clips Service Contract

Thanks, Jahan. I'll incorporate your edits and give Mr. Pounder a call to clarify. - George

Sent from my iPhone

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Additionally, **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 If you could get back to me on Monday morning, I can get any changes incorporated into the contract and continue forward.
Thanks, George

Organizer: Aarons, Kyle[Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov]
From: Aarons, Kyle
Location: DCRoomARN3428/OCIR or call-in
Importance: Normal
Subject: Definers Public Affairs Follow-Up Letter
Start Time: Tue 6/26/2018 6:00:00 PM
End Time: Tue 6/26/2018 6:30:00 PM
Required Attendees: Yaeger, Ryan; Knapp, Kristien; Palich, Christian; Frye, Tony (Robert); Burke, Marcella; Grantham, Nancy; Konkus, John; Lyons, Troy

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Hi all – This is to discuss our response to the attached oversight letter from Senators Harris and Whitehouse about Definers Public Affairs.

Thanks,
Kyle

From: Aarons, Kyle
Location: DCRoomARN3428/OCIR or call-in
Importance: Normal
Subject: Definers Public Affairs Follow-Up Letter
Start Time: Tue 6/26/2018 6:00:00 PM
End Time: Tue 6/26/2018 6:30:00 PM
Required Attendees: Yaeger, Ryan; Knapp, Kristien; Palich, Christian; Frye, Tony (Robert); Lyons, Troy; Burke, Marcella; Grantham, Nancy; Konkus, John

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Thanks,
Kyle

To: Dorr, Kaelan K. EOP / Ex. 6 Love, Kelly A. EOP / Ex. 6 Rateike,
Bradley A. EOP / Ex. 6
matthew.j.flynn@who.eop.gov[matthew.j.flynn@who.eop.gov]; charlotte.v.carr@who.eop.gov[charlotte.v.carr@who.eop.gov];
Henning, Alexa A. EOP / Ex. 6

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Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov];
Hewitt, James[hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael[abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Daniell, Kelsi[daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]; Block,
Molly[block.molly@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 12/18/2017 10:55:14 PM
Subject: WH Report
Daily Communications Report 12 18 17.docx

WH Team: Attached is our report.

Thank you,

John Konkus
Environmental Protection Agency
Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
Mobile: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

Daily Communications Report: EPA

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FR: EPA Office of Public Affairs

DT: **Monday, December 18, 2017**

Upcoming

- EPA **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Glyphosate
is used on over 200 crops. Both draft risk assessments are very comprehensive.
- Superfund Site 2017 NPL Deletions - week of 12/18 - press release -- regional amplification - SFTF connection

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recorded significant improvement in 2017 in completing the final step in the Superfund process by deleting all or parts of seven Superfund sites from the National Priorities List (NPL).

Inquiries

African American Career World magazine (Katie McKy) – Profile of African American employee who loves his/her work.

Argus (Chris Knight) — Unified agenda on GHG program for vehicles.

Associated Press (John Flesher) – Confirmation that Cathy Stepp will be named new Region 5 Administrator.

Bloomberg Environment (Pat Rizzuto) – Asbestos information from industry groups.

Bloomberg Environment (Jennifer Lu) – Timeframe for issuing 120 day letters for ozone designations.

CBS Digital (Katie Watson); CNN (Rene Marsh); New York Times (Lisa Friedman) – Press clippings contract with Definers.

Climate Observatory and Oeco (Claudio Angelo) –Nature magazine profile of Administrator.

CQ Roll Call (Jackie Toth) – Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee Meeting.

E&E News (Sean Reilly); Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Texas haze plan lawsuit.

Inside Climate News (Marianne Lavelle) – Regulatory/deregulatory actions and ozone.

Inside EPA (Stuart Parker) – Ozone Co-operative Compliance Task Force.

Law 360 (Christine Powell) – Comments on Clean Water Rule

NBC National News (Suzy Khimm) – Lead and copper rule.

POLITICO (Christine Haughney) – Neonics assessments.

POLITICO (Emily Holden) – Confirming retirement of Steve Page and Peter Tsirigotis as new OAQPS lead.

Spectrum News Network (Silvia Gambardella) – Regulation of chemicals.

Vermont Digger (Mike Polhamus) – Clean air lawsuit.

VICE News (Alex Lubben) – Flooding at EPA.

Wall Street Journal (Tim Puko) – Dr. Michael Dourson's role with EPA.

Top Stories

The Hill: Returning Reagan-era Principles to the EPA: <http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/365450-returning-to-reagan-era-principles-to-the-epa>

Politico: EPA to kick off rewrite of Clean Power Plan:

<https://www.politicopro.com/energy/whiteboard/2017/12/epa-to-kick-off-rewrite-of-clean-power-plan-236869>

EPA released its Advanced Notice of Public Rulemaking to Limit GHG at Power Plants:

<https://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/2017/12/18/stories/1060069329>

Top Issues and Accomplishments

EPA ordered potentially responsible parties to clean up USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago, Ind.:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-orders-potentially-responsible-parties-clean-uss-lead-superfund-site-east-chicago>

EPA awarded a grant to support a mobile asthma clinic for children in Oakland, Calif:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/us-epa-grant-supports-mobile-asthma-clinic-east-bay-children>

EPA releases an update on agency actions in response to Hurricane Maria:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-hurricane-maria-update>

And the same in Spanish language: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/actualizacion-de-la-epa-sobre-el-huracan-maria>

To: Dorr, Kaelan K. EOP / Ex. 6 Love, Kelly A. EOP / Ex. 6 Rateike,
Bradley A. EOP / Ex. 6
EOP / Ex. 6
Henning, Alexa A. EOP / Ex. 6
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Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov];
Hewitt, James[hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael[abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Daniell, Kelsi[daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]; Block,
Molly[block.molly@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 12/19/2017 10:06:24 PM
Subject: WH Report
Daily Communications Report 12 19 17.docx

WH Team: Attached is our report.

Thank you,

John Konkus
Environmental Protection Agency
Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
Mobile: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FR: EPA Office of Public Affairs

DT: **Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

Upcoming

EPA, Working with States and Tribes, Moving Forward on Attainment Designations for Ozone and Sulfur Dioxide - letters going out tomorrow Wednesday 12/20, Press Release 12/21. EPA is taking next steps in the Clean Air Act process to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Inquiries

Argus (Michael Ball); CQ Roll Call (Jackie Toth); InsideClimate News (Georgina Gustin); National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (Cathy Cash); POLITICO (Emily Holden); POWER magazine (Abby L. Harvey); S&P Global Market Intelligence (Annalee Armstrong); The Energy Daily (George Lobsenz); The Weather Channel (James Crugnale) — Clean Power Plan ANPR.

Argus (Courtney Schlisserman) — Texas haze plan lawsuit.

Athens Messenger/Vinton County Courier (Heather Willard) — Financial assurance requirements for hard-rock mining.

Bloomberg Environment (Tiffany Stecker) — Sen. Udall's hold on PRIA.

Bloomberg Environment (David Schultz) — Interview request with David Ross on various water issues.

Bloomberg Government (Sam Skolnik); New York Times (Lisa Friedman); POLITICO (Emily Holden); The Hill (Tim Cama) — Ending of Definers' contract.

Bloomberg Law (Stephen Joyce) — Names of all regional administrators and deputy regional administrators.

BuzzFeed News (Zahra Hirji) — Fact check on greenhouse gas standards for cars, new source performance standards for oil/gas and methane standards for landfills.

CQ Legal (Jackie Toth); The Hill (Tim Cama) — Senators' letter on Definers' contract.

E&E News (Maxine Joselow) — Policy on using certain words in budget proposals.

E&E News (Sean Reilly) — Ozone NAAQS extension in regulatory agenda.

E&E News (Sean Reilly); Inside EPA (David LaRoss) — Environmental groups' request to end Coal Combustion Products Partnership Program.

MATTER OF FACT (Richard Harris) — Interview request with the Administrator for one-year anniversary of Trump Administration.

MSNBC (Kelly Rice) — Interview request on surveillance in the Administrator's office.

New York Times (Sheila Kaplan); The Intercept (Sharon Lerner) — Delay in implementation of TCE/N-Methylpyrrolidone/Methyl Chloride rules in regulatory agenda.

POLITICO (Emily Holden) — Contract for surveillance in the Administrator's office.

POLITICO (Emily Holden); Wisconsin Public Radio-Milwaukee (Chuck Quirnbach); WisPolitics.com (Briana Reilly) — Confirmation that Cathy Stepp is new Region 5 Administrator.

POLITICO (Christine Haughney); Prevention magazine (Rene Ebersole) — Glyphosate risk assessment.

Top Stories

The Chicago Tribune: EPA orders companies blamed for East Chicago contamination to pay for cleanup:
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/post-tribune/news/ct-ptb-east-chicago-epa-orders-st-1219-20171218-story.html>

Milwaukee Journal: Former Wisc DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp to take charge of EPA's Midwest regional office: <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2017/12/19/former-wisconsin-dnr-secretary-cathy-stepp-take-charge-epas-midwest-regional-office/964407001/>

Bloomberg: EPA turns to 'lean manufacturing' to speed up reviews:
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-12-18/pruitt-s-epa-turns-to-lean-manufacturing-to-speed-up-reviews>

Top Issues and Accomplishments

EPA announced the appointment of Cathy Stepp as Region 5 Administrator:
<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-appointment-cathy-stepp-region-5-administrator>

EPA awards funding to help clean diesel projects in New England states:
<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-funding-will-help-clean-diesel-projects-new-england-states>

EPA announced it is requiring Salina Facility to reduce risk of spill to Monterey Bay watershed:
<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/us-epa-requires-salinas-facility-reduce-risk-spills-monterey-bay-watershed>

EPA announced its settlement with FMC Corp. enforces federal pesticide safety protections:
<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-settlement-fmc-corp-enforces-federal-pesticide-safety-protections-0>

To: Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 11/15/2017 10:21:03 PM
Subject: RE: I heard back from Definers

Thanks much .. you too

Nancy Grantham
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(mobile)

From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 5:21 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: I heard back from Definers

Nancy—

Definers sent new information this afternoon. I haven't had a chance to look at it, but I'll try to get to it first thing tomorrow.

Thanks and have a great night!

--Tricia

Tricia Lynn
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To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
Cc: Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]; McCluney, Lance[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 12/5/2017 6:51:36 PM
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thanks

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Nancy,

Just spoke with Keith about this matter. I explain we **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Keith is meeting with Donna and others to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** I am reaching out to Definers for an updated quote right now.

Have a great day,

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Good morning,

Do we have an update on this time sensitive matter?

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 1:43 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi

I have met with Rayna Brown, Manager and we will get back to as soon as possible regarding this award. Thank you.

Donna Dews

Contract Specialist

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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 8:50 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Good morning

I have meeting with Rayna Brown, Manager at 11:30aam regarding next steps after Special Notice was sent to public of intent to sole source:

Clarification from Manager:

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After I find out whether **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** If you have questions, please give me a call directly at 202-564-6752. Thank you.

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 6:53 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thx

Sent from my iPhone
On Dec 1, 2017, at 6:50 PM, Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello All,

I apologize that you [Redacted: Deliberative Process / Ex. 5]
[Redacted: Deliberative Process / Ex. 5] However, during the last meeting we had, you asked [Redacted: Deliberative Process / Ex. 5]
[Redacted: Deliberative Process / Ex. 5]
[Redacted: Deliberative Process / Ex. 5] In addition, prior to that
meeting, [Redacted: Deliberative Process / Ex. 5]
[Redacted: Deliberative Process / Ex. 5]
[Redacted: Deliberative Process / Ex. 5] Hopefully, Donna can shed some light on whether
[Redacted: Deliberative Process / Ex. 5] Hope this
helps. Jody

*Jody Gosnell
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi – we have not heard back on this – so are assuming

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Please let me know the date the 5 day posting expires.

Thanks ng

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Nancy,

Donna should already have received

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Donna can you verify if you have received the information from the vendor? Thanks, Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Right .. I thought

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If that is not the case, that is fine.

Thanks ng

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From: Lynn, Tricia

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:58 AM

To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Jody—

We still want to receive

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--Tricia

From: Gosnell, Jody

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:56 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Nancy,

I am curious as to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** This is a public notice to make sure there are no other vendors out there that can do it. If we **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Typically we don't send it to them but since it is public record then if you want to you can. Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:29 AM

To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Are we permitted to send to the potential contractor or will OAM do that?

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 12:14 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Nancy

If you go www.fbo.gov and search by Environmental Protection Agency: Opportunities you will see Special Notice titled Media Support/News analysis service

www.fedconnect.net – public opportunities [Media Support/News analysis service](#)

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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:53 AM

To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

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Thanks much .. can you give us the link to the notice? Thanks ng

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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:52 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Nancy

Special notice posted today at 10:29am. today.

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Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi .. do we have an update on this posting? Thanks ng

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Nancy,

She was working on a priority for Keith Stewart today. I just found out that **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** so I will provide her a response in the morning. Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 7:51 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thanks

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From: Gosnell, Jody

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 7:50 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Nancy,

Donna is running late today and I did not receive a status update from her yesterday. I will follow up with you when she gets in this morning. Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 4:20 PM

To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi all –

Can we confirm that this was posted today? Thanks ng

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From: Gosnell, Jody

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 3:23 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Donna,

Can you please provide us with an update on the status of this PR? Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 10:34 AM

To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thanks much

Happy thanksgiving

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Nancy,

Donna is on leave until the 27th so it should **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi – just checking in on this – are we able to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**?

Thanks ng

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 8:32 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Nancy,

Once we have the final documents, we will **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
would like to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**. Thanks, Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thanks all –

Checking on status of ACC that Michael is working on.

Once that is done, what is our timeline for **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**?

Thanks ng

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Donna—

I apologize...I thought you just needed that so I could put it in the IGCE. Please see the attached email, wherein Definers quotes a price.

That said, **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** correct? We're interested in being able to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Thanks!

--Tricia

From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Importance: High

Hi All

I am still reviewing documents submitted (JOFOC and SOW) but we still need that Quote from the contractor (Definers). If you sent and I missed, I apologize. Again Thanks.

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Dews.donna@epa.gov

From: Lynn, Tricia

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:48 AM

To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi all—

Here's the SOW with the instructions, evaluation, and IGCE included at the end. I'm still waiting for a bit of information from Definers to complete the JOFOC, but I'll send it as soon as I have it.

Thanks everyone!

--Tricia

From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:48 AM

To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>

Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Michael

Thank you.

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From: Quarles, Michael

Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:44 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>

Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hello,

I will be **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Thank you.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager
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Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 6202A
(202) 343-9970

From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:31 AM

To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thanks .. I think michael mentioned **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Thanks all

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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:30 AM

To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

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Hi All

I appreciate everyone coming out so we can continue to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Per

our meeting this week I have attached documents to

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Please address all issues discussed. Under the

additional notes I believe

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Please let Jody

or I know if

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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Again Thanks.

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To: Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 12/4/2017 3:18:51 PM
Subject: RE: Link to Procurement Announcement

Will have to check .. thanks ng

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(mobile)

From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Link to Procurement Announcement

Hi Nancy—
Here’s the link to the Definers notice on FedBizOpps. It links to FedConnect as well, but you have to search for it and the site doesn’t provide a link to the specific entry, even once you’ve searched. In any case, it doesn’t say much more than the FBO link:

<https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=479f24101a13dd3ab53e37f06c231a4f&tab=core& cview=0>

Also, I wanted to ask...

In Donna’s last email she said:

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The point, for us, is

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Tricia Lynn
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. EPA
Office: 202.564.2615

To: Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 10/30/2017 9:22:44 PM
Subject: FW: Definers -- Clips

So you have this

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:17 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Definers -- Clips



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Definers -- Clips



We're fully registered...

Registration Details for Complete Record

Entity Name: DEFINERS CORP

DUNS Number: 076234313

CAGE: 7YAE9

Address:

1500 WILSON BLVD # 5

ARLINGTON, VA 22209-2458

UNITED STATES

Purpose of Registration: All Awards

Registration Status: Active

Expiration Date: 08/31/2018

Address Update Required: No

UPDATE ENTITY

VIEW

DEACTIVATE

On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 3:29

PM Wilcox, John

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 6:33 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jahan

Can you forward me the screen shot so I can send it to contracts thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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202-253-7056 (mobile)

From: Wilcox, Jahan

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:27 PM

To: Joe Pounder <jpounder@definerscorp.com>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Definers -- Clips

Great. Adding Nancy and Liz.

On Sep 28, 2017, at 4:11 PM, Joe Pounder <jpounder@definerscorp.com> wrote:

We're fully registered...

<Screen Shot 2017-09-28 at 4.23.59 PM.png>

On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 3:29 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:29 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Definers -- Clips

HI –

Working with contracts on this – here is the remaining issue that the contracting officer brought to me yesterday --

Specifically, the vendor is not registered in the System for Award Management (SAM). In order for any vendor to receive a contract from the federal government, they must be registered in this system. The vendor seems to be reluctant to register.

George had been working with the vendor on this. I have a call into the vendor as they may need assistance in completing the forms.

Will update you as soon as I hear from the vendor.

Thanks ng

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers -- Clips
Importance: High

Where are we on this and when can we get this going? Today is a day where we could really use their help capturing clips in real time. This is very important and our wait and the process to do this has been way too long. Thank you!

Jahan Wilcox
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Joe Pounder
jpounder@definerscorp.com
571-290-5460

To: Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 10/20/2017 6:20:00 PM
Subject: FW: Sole Source JOFOC for OPA Media Relations Contract
Sole Source JOFOC OA (003) 082517 (002).docx

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 5:35 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Sole Source JOFOC for OPA Media Relations Contract

To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Mon 11/13/2017 1:56:37 PM
Subject: RE: Latest SOW

If you're good with the SOW as it stands, I'm happy to send it along. I'm not sure if **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2017 8:49 AM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Latest SOW

Thx. Can we send to Jody and Donna or **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**? Thx ng
Sent from my iPhone
On Nov 8, 2017, at 4:25 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Nancy—

Minus CO and Definers input, here's the final version.

Have a great night!

--Tricia

From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 1:02 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Latest SOW

Hi Nancy—

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Once I make whatever changes are needed based on your comments, I think it's time to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Sound
good?

Just FYI, I still need information from Definers in order **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** I sent the request on Monday afternoon and pinged her just now.

Thanks!

--Tricia

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Office: 202.564.2615

<SOW.Final.11.08.17.docx>

To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Wed 11/8/2017 9:25:21 PM
Subject: RE: Latest SOW
[SOW.Final.11.08.17.docx](#)

Nancy—

Minus CO and Definers input, here’s the final version.

Have a great night!

--Tricia

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Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 1:02 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Wed 11/8/2017 5:59:04 PM
Subject: Latest SOW
[SOW.Final.11.08.17.docx](#)

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To: Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 10/23/2017 3:21:02 PM
Subject: FW: SOW Corrections to Edits
Evaluation Criteria sample 10-11-2017dd.docx
Scanned Jody Edits SOW and JOFOC.pdf

See jody comments on the attached

Thanks ng

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Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 2:38 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: SOW Corrections to Edits

Hi Nancy

I sent you the word documents shortly after our meeting on October 4. Following up on changes discussed in October 4 meeting, Have you completed/incorporated changes we discussed in SOW and JOFOC?

For instance:



We also discussed that

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

 The next meeting is
October 18, 2017 at 8:00am.

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To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 12/5/2017 6:37:30 PM
Subject: Re: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2017, at 1:29 PM, Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Nancy,

Just spoke with Keith about this matter. I explain we have r [Deliberative Process / Ex. 5]
[Deliberative Process / Ex. 5]

Keith is meeting with Donna and others to discuss [Deliberative Process / Ex. 5] I am reaching out to
Definers for an updated quote right now.

Have a great day,

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Good morning,

Do we have an update on this time sensitive matter?

Thanks ng

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Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
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Hi

I have met with Rayna Brown, Manager and we will get back to as soon as possible regarding this award.
Thank you.

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Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 8:50 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Good morning

I have meeting with Rayna Brown, Manager at 11:30aam regarding next steps after

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Clarification from Manager:

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

After I find out whether **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** I will let you know. If you have questions, please give me a call directly at 202-564-6752. Thank you.

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 6:53 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thx

Sent from my iPhone
On Dec 1, 2017, at 6:50 PM, Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello All,

I apologize that [REDACTED] Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

[REDACTED] Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 In addition, prior to that meeting when we originally met to discuss the

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

[REDACTED] Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Hope this helps. Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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Hi [REDACTED] Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Please let me know [REDACTED] Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Thanks ng

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
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Nancy,

Donna should already have Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Donna can you verify if Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 ? Thanks, Jody

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Right .. I thought Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

If that is not the case, that is fine.

Thanks ng

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Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

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Jody—

We still want to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 right?

--Tricia

From: Gosnell, Jody

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:56 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

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Nancy,

I am curious as to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Typically we don't send it to them but since it is public record then if you want to you can. Jody

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Thanks ng

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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 12:14 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

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Hi Nancy

If you go www.fbo.gov and search by Environmental Protection Agency: Opportunities you will see Special Notice titled Media Support/News analysis service

www.fedconnect.net – public opportunities [Media Support/News analysis service](#)

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Thanks much .. can you give us the link to the notice? Thanks ng

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Nancy

Special notice posted today at 10:29am. today.

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Hi .. do we have an update Deliberative Process / Ex. 5? Thanks ng

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Nancy,

She was working on a priority for Keith Stewart today. I just found out that Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 but I have been having issues with my email today so I will provide her a response in the morning. Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 7:51 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Thanks

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Hi Nancy,

Donna is running late today and I did not receive a status update from her yesterday. I will follow up with you when she gets in this morning. Jody

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Hi all –

Can we confirm Deliberative Process / Ex. 5? Thanks ng

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Hi Donna,

Can you please provide us with an update on the status of this PR? Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Thanks much

Happy thanksgiving

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Nancy,

Donna is on leave until the 27th **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Jody

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi – just checking in on this – **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**?

Thanks ng

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 8:32 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Hi Nancy,

Once we have the final documents, we will take one final look at them and **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Thanks, Jody

Jody Gosnell

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
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Thanks all –

Checking on status of ACC that Michael is working on.

Once that is done, **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**?

Thanks ng

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Donna—

I apologize...I thought you just needed that so I could put it in the IGCE. Please see the attached email, wherein Definers quotes a price.

That said, **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** correct? We're interested in **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Thanks!

--Tricia

From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC
Importance: High

Hi All

I am still reviewing documents submitted (JOFOC and SOW) but we still need that Quote from the contractor (Definers). If you sent and I missed, I apologize. Again Thanks.

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Dews.donna@epa.gov

From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi all—

Here's the SOW with the instructions, evaluation, and IGCE included at the end. I'm still waiting for a bit of information from Definers to complete the JOFOC, but I'll send it as soon as I have it.

Thanks everyone!

--Tricia

From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Michael

Thank you.

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hello,

I will be **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Thank you.

Have a great day,

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thanks .. I think michael mentioned **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Thanks all

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From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi All

I appreciate everyone coming out so we can **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Per our meeting this week I have attached documents to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 (in which Michael would prepare). Please
address all issues discussed. Under the additional notes I believe **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Please let Jody or I know if you need further

information or any questions for JOFOC or any of these other attachments. Again
Thanks.

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To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 12/4/2017 5:27:38 PM
Subject: RE: Link to Procurement Announcement

Thanks

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Link to Procurement Announcement

Hi Nancy,

I attempted to register for the site but the approval person for EPA retired about 6 years ago. Upon doing more research I found that we do not need to register, the information is all there. Registration would be for a vendor who would like to apply for a posting. Please see below.

This is just a notification of a sole source and Donna would receive any inquiries from other vendors. We wouldn't be able to see those as she is the contact person. It looks like they did not put any specific requirements in this Sole Source Notification. Hope this help, if not feel free to call me.

Have a great day,

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Opportunity: Media Support/News analysis service

Description

Sole Source Notification for News analysis and brief service focusing on EPA work and other topics of interest to EPA. The intended awardee is Definers Corp, 1500 Wilson Blvd #5, Arlington, VA 22209-2458 - Phone# 571-290-5481

Overview

Reference number: 68HE0H18B0002

Issue date: 11/29/2017

Response due:

Set Aside: N/A

NAICS: 541820-Public Relations Agencies

PSC / FSC: 7830

Agency: EPA

Contracting office:

HPOD

US Environmental Protection Agency

William Jefferson Clinton Building

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.

Mail Code: 3803R

Washington, DC 20460

Place of Performance:

Contact: Donna Dews

Phone:

Fax:

Email: Dews.Donna@epa.gov

Vendors conference:

Location:

Details:

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:22 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Link to Procurement Announcement

Michael,

Do you have a password/access to fedbiz so we can fully see what was posted in terms of requirements? Thanks ng

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 (mobile)

From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Link to Procurement Announcement

Hi Nancy—

Here's the link to the Definers notice on FedBizOpps. It links to FedConnect as well, but you have to search for it and the site doesn't provide a link to the specific entry, even once you've searched. In any case, it doesn't say much more than the FBO link:

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=479f24101a13dd3ab53e37f06c231a4f&tab=core&_cview=0

Also, I wanted to ask...

In Donna's last email she said:

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The point, for us, is that this isn't adequate, right? In other words, **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** from Definers?

Tricia Lynn
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U.S. EPA
Office: 202.564.2615

To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
Cc: McCluney, Lance[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thur 12/7/2017 12:53:46 PM
Subject: RE: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter

Thanks

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 7:53 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter

Good Morning Nancy,

I let Julia know and she will [Deliberative Process / Ex. 5] I will keep you updated.

Have a great day,

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 5:31 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter

This is fine - thx

Sent from my iPhone
On Dec 6, 2017, at 5:06 PM, Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Nancy,

Please verify the services listed in this new quote. Once you let me know it is good to go I will get the detailed breakdown.

Have a great day,

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com>
Date: December 6, 2017 at 4:46:55 PM EST
To: "Quarles, Michael" <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter

Hi Michael,

Here is a updated proposal as we discussed. When I sent Donna the last proposal she asked for detailed cost breakdown which I will need to do for this before I send over. I will send to her before I leave tonight but wanted to make sure I got this in your hands first. Feel free to call my cell if you have any questions: 781.424.3491

On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 3:36 PM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:
Hi Michael,

I sent over the following doc to Donna earlier. You will notice the cost increased relevant to updated EPA SOW. Please let me know if thats an issue or feel free to give me a call if you see any problems.

Thanks!

On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 7:49 AM, Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:
Hello Julia,

Thank you for cost breakdown letter. Unfortunately, our procurement process requires an actual price quote. Are you able to provide a contractual price quote with cost breakout for the services below. As you know we are trying to implement your service asap, so your speedy response is greatly appreciated.

Have a great day,

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com]
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 11:47 AM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter

Hi Tricia,

See below for the information you requested. Let me know if you need the letter in a word doc and signed.

Thanks!

To Whom It May Concern:

The Console is a personalized interface containing the content Definers is alerting and that your team needs to make informed and efficient decisions. It effectively melds cutting-edge technology and human analysis and gives instant access to the most relevant information. It allows clients to have a better grasp on what is happening with their organizations and relevant sectors across the country and around the world.

Through the Console we are able to revolutionize clips delivery by:

- Advanced search functions
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- Human analysis
- Coverage throughout the day
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- Delivered through web interface and/or email per user preferences

While other companies have clips services no other company delivers them with a tool like the Console and campaign-style system of Definers.

Thanks,
Julia Cotrone
Special Assistant
Definers Public Affairs

Cost Breakdown

7,500 = Access to custom built and proprietary Definers Console

2,500 = scope of clips package as defined by agency

- News Alerts throughout the day from online, print, and TV sources
- Matrices
- Relevant breaking news

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Julia Cotrone

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<Definers EPA Proposal clipped.docx>

To: McCluney, Lance[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]; Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 12/27/2017 7:15:54 PM
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

10 to 10:30 works – I will send a scheduler – **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Thanks ng

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From: McCluney, Lance
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:44 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
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How does 10-10:30 sound? **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:14 PM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

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Thanks ng

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 12:58 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hi Nancy,

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Lance has requested we have a call tomorrow for further clarification.

Have a great day,

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Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Thanks .. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Thanks ng

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Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Nancy,

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Have a great day,

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Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:59 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Thanks .. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Thanks ng

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:56 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hi Nancy,

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Have a great day,

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Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hi Michael,

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From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 4:39 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Nancy,

I hope you had a nice weekend.

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Please let me know if you have any further questions. Have a nice day!

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
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(202) 564.6025 Office

On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:24 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks ..

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Thanks ng

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Personal Phone / Ex. 6 (mobile)

From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definercorp.com>
Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definercorp.com>
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response. I will generate a final bilateral modification to definitize Definers Corp's decision and will get it to you as quickly as possible. This forthcoming modification will serve as the final step and we can close this out. I will be in contact with you soon. Have a nice day.

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
OAM/HPOD/PCSC

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
OAM/HPOD/PCSC

On Dec 21, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Hi

I had sent the email below yesterday but am having difficulty finding in my email so I just wanted to resend to make sure you have and are aware.

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

Thanks

On Dec 20, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 10:45 PM, Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response and returning the signed subject modification. In terms of additional steps necessary to officially end the process will involve whether or not Definers Corp wants to assert its rights under FAR 52.212-4 (I) terms and conditions—see an excerpt of the applicable clause language below. If Definers Corp is seeking, as a matter of its right, the payment of money arising under or relating to this purchase order and termination, then please submit in writing to me as the Contracting Officer with a level of detail consistent with the FAR 52.212-4 and sufficient for a Contracting Officer to determine that the costs were fair, reasonable, allowable, allocable and the facts justify the requested recovery of costs in a termination settlement (e.g. demonstrates that all reasonable steps were taken to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order). A final bilateral modification will be issued to definitize this aspect of the termination even if Definers Corp indicates that no costs will be claimed under the order and/or pursuant to the termination.

Please notify me of Definer Corp's intent regarding this matter and the Government will act accordingly. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thank you kindly and have a great day!

FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items.

(I) **Termination for the Government's convenience.** The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, **the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination.** The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. **The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.**

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

OAM/HPOD/PCSC

From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:09 PM

To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Cc: jpounder@definerscorp.com; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definerscorp.com>

Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Attached is signed copy of PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ (7 pages). See page 2 for signature as requested.

Please let us know if there are any additional steps we need to take on our end to complete this process. Otherwise please let us know when this process is 100% completed.

Thank you!

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 4:47 PM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Received

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 3:45 PM, Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Contractor: Definers Corp

Purchase Order No.: EP-18-H-000025

Purchase Order Modification No.: P00001

Purchase Order Title: News Analysis Service

Subject: Unilateral Modification No. P00001

Please find attached modification P00001 to purchase order no. EP-18-H-000025 in order to cancel/terminate this order in its entirety via a Termination for the Government's Convenience effective December 19, 2017 and per the Contracting Officer's (CO's) conversation with Julia

Cotrone with Definers Corp this morning. The Contractor shall immediately acknowledge receipt of this modification via email (please **DO NOT** include Group DDC-Customer) upon receipt of this email and correspondence and provide the signed page 2 of 7 to brown.rayna@epa.gov and dews.donna@epa.gov within two (2) business days. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a nice day! ☺

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

OAM/HPOD/PCSC

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Julia Cotrone

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To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]; McCluney, Lance[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 12/20/2017 7:08:51 PM
Subject: RE: contracts to keep running during possible shutdown

Thanks

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)

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(mobile)

From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: contracts to keep running during possible shutdown

Hi Nancy,

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Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager
Office of Administrative and Executive Services
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 6202A
(202) 343-9970

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 5:46 PM
To: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: contracts to keep running durin possible shutdown

Cision
Campaign Monitor
Translations International (OGC contract)

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Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

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(mobile)

Personal Phone / Ex. 6

To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
Cc: McCluney, Lance[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 12/20/2017 7:00:26 PM
Subject: Re: contracts to keep running during possible shutdown

Thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 20, 2017, at 1:58 PM, Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:

<image002.gif>
Hi Nancy,

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Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
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Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 5:46 PM
To: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: contracts to keep running durin possible shutdown

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Thanks ng

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Personal Phone / Ex. 6 (mobile)

To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
From: Smoot, Nicole
Sent: Tue 7/25/2017 12:33:49 PM
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

Ink pen

“Committed to Service and People”

Nicole V. Smoot

*Management Analyst
Office of Administrative and Executive Services
Office of the Administrator
Room: 2432G William Jefferson Clinton North
Mail Code: 1104A
Phone: 202-564-0414
Fax: 202-564-2744
Email: smoot.nicole@epa.gov*

From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:33 AM
To: Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

Ink pen or pin for your shirt?

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Grants and Contracts Coordinator
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From: Smoot, Nicole
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:32 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

Any kind as long as it say Montana

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:31 AM
To: Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

What kind of pen?

Have a great day,

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From: Smoot, Nicole
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:30 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

Okay have fun, I never been there can you bring me a pen (SMILE)

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Nicole V. Smoot

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:29 AM
To: Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

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Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
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From: Smoot, Nicole
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:27 AM

To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

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Room: 2432G William Jefferson Clinton North

Mail Code: 1104A

Phone: 202-564-0414

Fax: 202-564-2744

Email: smoot.nicole@epa.gov

From: Quarles, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:26 AM

To: Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

Working from home today until I fly out.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles

Grants and Contracts Coordinator

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Washington, DC 20460

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From: Smoot, Nicole

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:26 AM

To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

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Phone: 202-564-0414

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Email: smoot.nicole@epa.gov

From: Quarles, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:25 AM
To: Ellison, Mardiko <Ellison.Mardiko@epa.gov>
Cc: Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

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Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
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From: Ellison, Mardiko
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:15 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Sole Source Justification

Good Morning Michael,

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Thank you.

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 5:03 PM
To: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>; Ellison, Mardiko <Ellison.Mardiko@epa.gov>
Cc: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Sole Source Justification

+ Lance, Nicole and Mardiko. - George

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>
Subject: Sole Source Justification

Reggie,

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George

Justification for single source:

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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Cc: Lance McCluney (McCluney.Lance@epa.gov)[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tue 12/5/2017 5:02:26 PM
Subject: SOW from TechMIS
EPA Media Support - News Analysis Service (68HE0H18B0002).pdf

Hi Nancy,

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. Please tell me what you think.

Have a great day,

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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Cc: Lance McCluney (McCluney.Lance@epa.gov)[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Mon 12/4/2017 10:01:57 PM
Subject: Contract Issues

Hi Nancy,

I sent Tamika an email regarding Go Big Media. She hasn't responded yet but will let you know as soon as I hear something.

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Sorry, I am able to provide you with more concrete information but will try again on both accounts first thing in the morning. Also, I will reach out to OP regarding Politico.

Have a great day,

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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Cc: Lance McCluney (McCluney.Lance@epa.gov)[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Mon 12/4/2017 3:25:08 PM
Subject: RE: Link to Procurement Announcement

Hi Nancy,

~~I don't but will set up one~~ Hopefully, it will be up and running this morning.

Have a great day,

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:22 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Link to Procurement Announcement

Michael,

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Personal Phone / Ex. 6 (mobile)

From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Link to Procurement Announcement

Hi Nancy—

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Also, I wanted to ask...

In Donna's last email she said:

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Tricia Lynn
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. EPA
Office: 202.564.2615

Cc: McCluney, Lance[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wed 12/6/2017 10:06:21 PM
Subject: Fwd: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter
Definers EPA Proposal clipped.docx
ATT00001.htm

Hi Nancy,

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Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com>
Date: December 6, 2017 at 4:46:55 PM EST
To: "Quarles, Michael" <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter

Hi Michael,
Here is a updated proposal as we discussed. When I sent Donna the last proposal she asked for detailed cost breakdown which I will need to do for this before I send over. I will send to her before I leave tonight but wanted to make sure I got this in your hands first. Feel free to call my cell if you have any questions:
781.424.3491

On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 3:36 PM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Hi Michael,
I sent over the following doc to Donna earlier. You will notice the cost increased relevant to updated EPA SOW. Please let me know if thats an issue or feel free to give me a call if you see any problems.

Thanks!

On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 7:49 AM, Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Julia,

Thank you for cost breakdown letter. Unfortunately, our procurement process requires an actual price quote. Are you able to provide a contractual price quote with cost breakout for the services below. As you know we are trying to implement your service asap, so your speedy response is greatly appreciated.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles

Acquisitions and Assistance Manager

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com]

Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 11:47 AM

To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>

Subject: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter

Hi Tricia,

See below for the information you requested. Let me know if you need the letter in a word doc and signed.

Thanks!

To Whom It May Concern:

The Console is a personalized interface containing the content Definers is alerting and that your team needs to make informed and efficient decisions. It effectively melds cutting-edge technology and human analysis and gives instant access to the most relevant information. It allows clients to have a better grasp on what is happening with their organizations and relevant sectors across the country and around the world.

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Thanks,

Julia Cotrone

Special Assistant

Definers Public Affairs

Cost Breakdown

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Julia Cotrone

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Cc: Lance McCluney (McCluney.Lance@epa.gov)[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wed 12/6/2017 8:43:05 PM
Subject: FW: FW: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter
Definers EPA Proposal.docx

Hi Nancy,

Please see email and attached cost proposal.

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Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Definers Cost Breakdown/Letter

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Julia Cotrone

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To: McCluney, Lance[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
Cc: Maher, Karen[Maher.Karen@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tue 6/5/2018 10:58:33 AM
Subject: Re: OAM Awards

Thank you Lance.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
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On Jun 5, 2018, at 6:33 AM, McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov> wrote:

Michael,
Thank you.

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Thanks,
Lance

Sent from my iPhone
On Jun 4, 2018, at 4:56 PM, Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Lance,

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Rayna Brown-Service Center Manager for the first 8 months of my time here.

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Derek Davis-New Team Leader for OA. A

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Derek is committed to serving and is a pleasure to work with.

Shelia Dolan-New Service Center Manager for OA.

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Our new partnership will continue flourish due to her leadership and dedication to customer service.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
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To: Reginald Allen (Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov]
Cc: Lance McCluney (McCluney.Lance@epa.gov)[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Fri 1/5/2018 7:48:14 PM
Subject: FW: STATUS UPDATE >> RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

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Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager
Office of Administrative and Executive Services
US Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 6202A
(202) 343-9970

From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: STATUS UPDATE >> RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Helena and Nancy,

I hope you had a great holiday season!

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Please let us know if you have any further questions. Take care and have a great weekend..stay warm! *

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
OAM/HPOD/PCSC
(202) 564.6025 Office

From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 8:38 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Great morning everyone –

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However, our OGC team is out until after the new year. I will let you know once I hear back from them. Until then, have a wonderful and safe New Year!!! ☺

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:23 AM
To: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

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Nancy Grantham
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From: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 5:29 PM
To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Thank you.

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Best,

Helena

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov

On Dec 26, 2017, at 5:18 PM, Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Nancy and Helena,

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Knowing is half the battle. Enjoy the rest of your day!

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

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On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:48 PM, Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Nancy and yes it would be good to see that GAO correspondence.

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
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Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Nancy,

I hope you had a nice weekend.

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Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definerscorp.com>
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Julia,

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 I will be in contact with you soon.
Have a nice day.

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
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On Dec 21, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Julia Cotrone
<jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Hi

I had sent the email below yesterday but am having difficulty finding in my email so I just wanted to resend to make sure you have and are aware.
Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

Thanks
On Dec 20, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Julia Cotrone
<jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 10:45 PM, Brown, Rayna
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Thank you for your prompt response and returning the signed subject modification. In terms of additional steps necessary to officially end the process will involve whether or not Definers Corp wants to assert its rights under FAR 52.212-4 (l) terms and conditions—see an excerpt of the applicable clause language below. If Definers Corp is seeking, as a matter of its right, the payment of money arising under or relating to this purchase order and termination, then please submit in writing to me as the Contracting Officer with a level of detail consistent with the FAR 52.212-4 and sufficient for a Contracting Officer to determine that the costs were fair, reasonable, allowable, allocable and the facts justify the requested recovery of costs in a termination settlement (e.g. demonstrates that all reasonable steps were taken to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order). A final bilateral modification will be issued to definitize this aspect of the termination even if Definers Corp indicates that no costs will be claimed under the order and/or pursuant to the termination.

Please notify me of Definer Corp's intent regarding this matter and the Government will act accordingly. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thank you kindly and have a great day!

FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial

Items.

(I) **Termination for the Government's convenience.** The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, **the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination.** The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. **The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.**

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:09 PM

To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Cc: jpounder@definerscorp.com; Dews, Donna

<Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter

<scotter@definerscorp.com>

Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Attached is signed copy of PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ (7 pages). See page 2 for signature as requested.

Please let us know if there are any additional steps we need to take on our end to complete this process. Otherwise please let us know when this process is 100% completed.

Thank you!

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 4:47 PM, Julia Cotrone
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Received

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 3:45 PM, Brown, Rayna
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Contractor: Definers Corp

Purchase Order No.: EP-18-H-000025

Purchase Order Modification No.: P00001

Purchase Order Title: News Analysis Service

Subject: Unilateral Modification No. P00001

Please find attached modification P00001 to purchase order no. EP-18-H-000025 in order to cancel/terminate this order in its entirety via a Termination for the Government's Convenience effective December 19, 2017 and per the Contracting Officer's (CO's) conversation with Julia Cotrone with Definers Corp this morning. The Contractor shall immediately acknowledge receipt of this modification via email (please **DO NOT** include Group DDC-Customer) upon receipt of this email and correspondence and provide the signed page 2 of 7 to brown.rayna@epa.gov and dews.donna@epa.gov within two (2) business days. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a nice day! ☺

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

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Julia Cotrone

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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
Cc: McCluney, Lance[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wed 12/27/2017 6:27:43 PM
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Okay thanks.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:14 PM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 12:58 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hi Nancy,

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Lance has requested we have a call tomorrow for further clarification.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 9:06 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Thanks . **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Thanks ng

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Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 8:04 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
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Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
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Thanks . **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:56 AM
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Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

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To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

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Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Nancy,

I hope you had a nice weekend.

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Please let me know if you have any further questions. Have a nice day!

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

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Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definercorp.com>
Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definercorp.com>
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Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

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Please let us know if there are any additional steps we need to take on our end to complete this process. Otherwise please let us know when this process is 100% completed.

Thank you!

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Received

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Contractor: Definers Corp

Purchase Order No.: EP-18-H-000025

Purchase Order Modification No.: P00001

Purchase Order Title: News Analysis Service

Subject: Unilateral Modification No. P00001

Please find attached modification P00001 to purchase order no. EP-18-H-000025 in order to cancel/terminate this order in its entirety via a Termination for the Government's Convenience effective December 19, 2017 and per the Contracting Officer's (CO's) conversation with Julia Cotrone with Definers Corp this morning. The Contractor shall immediately acknowledge receipt of this modification via email (please **DO NOT** include Group DDC-Customer) upon receipt of this email and correspondence and provide the signed page 2 of 7 to brown.rayna@epa.gov and dews.donna@epa.gov within two (2) business days. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a nice day! ☺

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

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To: Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Mon 5/7/2018 11:47:16 AM
Subject: RE: PRISM Workflow Alert regarding Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 (P00002)

Thank Rayna, I always love your emails.

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Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager
Office of Administrative and Executive Services
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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-----Original Message-----

From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 7:43 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PRISM Workflow Alert regarding Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 (P00002)

Hey there Michael,

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Take care and hope to run into you soon! ☐*

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) OAM/HPOD/Pre-Award Solutions Team
(202) 564.6025 Office

-----Original Message-----

From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 7:35 AM
To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: PRISM Workflow Alert regarding Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 (P00002)

Good Morning Rayna,

Hope all is well with you today. Just wanted to share the email below with you.

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Have a great day,

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From: EAS.System@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:EAS.System@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2018 6:40 PM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: PRISM Workflow Alert regarding Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 (P00002)

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To: Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tue 12/26/2017 10:34:18 PM
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Thanks Rayna.

Have a great day,

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On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:42 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks ..

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Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
OAM/HPOD/PCSC
(202) 564.6025 Office
On Dec 21, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Julia Cotrone
<jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Hi

I had sent the email below yesterday but am having difficulty finding in my email so I just wanted to resend to make sure you have and are aware.
Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

Thanks
On Dec 20, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Julia Cotrone

<jcotrone@definercorp.com> wrote:

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 10:45 PM, Brown, Rayna
<brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response and returning the signed subject modification. In terms of additional steps necessary to officially end the process will involve whether or not Definers Corp wants to assert its rights under FAR 52.212-4 (l) terms and conditions—see an excerpt of the applicable clause language below. If Definers Corp is seeking, as a matter of its right, the payment of money arising under or relating to this purchase order and termination, then please submit in writing to me as the Contracting Officer with a level of detail consistent with the FAR 52.212-4 and sufficient for a Contracting Officer to determine that the costs were fair, reasonable, allowable, allocable and the facts justify the requested recovery of costs in a termination settlement (e.g. demonstrates that all reasonable steps were taken to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order). A final bilateral modification will be issued to definitize this aspect of the termination even if Definers Corp indicates that no costs will be claimed under the order and/or pursuant to the termination.

Please notify me of Definer Corp's intent regarding this matter and the Government will act accordingly. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thank you kindly and have a great day!

FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items.

(l) **Termination for the Government's convenience.** The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, **the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination.** The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost

accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. **The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.**

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definercorp.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:09 PM

To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Cc: jpounder@definercorp.com; Dews, Donna

<Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter

<scotter@definercorp.com>

Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Attached is signed copy of PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ (7 pages). See page 2 for signature as requested.

Please let us know if there are any additional steps we need to take on our end to complete this process. Otherwise please let us know when this process is 100% completed.

Thank you!

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 4:47 PM, Julia Cotrone
<jcotrone@definercorp.com> wrote:

Received

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 3:45 PM, Brown, Rayna
<brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Contractor: Definers Corp

Purchase Order No.: EP-18-H-000025

Purchase Order Modification No.: P00001

Purchase Order Title: News Analysis Service

Subject: Unilateral Modification No. P00001

Please find attached modification P00001 to purchase order no. EP-18-H-000025 in order to cancel/terminate this order in its entirety via a Termination for the Government's Convenience effective December 19, 2017 and per the Contracting Officer's (CO's) conversation with Julia Cotrone with Definers Corp this morning. The Contractor shall immediately acknowledge receipt of this modification via email (please **DO NOT** include Group DDC-Customer) upon receipt of this email and correspondence and provide the signed page 2 of 7 to brown.rayna@epa.gov and dews.donna@epa.gov within two (2) business days. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a nice day! ☺

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

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Julia Cotrone

O: [571.290.5461](tel:571.290.5461) | C: [781.424.3491](tel:781.424.3491)

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Julia Cotrone

O: [571.290.5461](tel:571.290.5461) | C: [781.424.3491](tel:781.424.3491)

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Julia Cotrone

O: 571.290.5461 | C: 781.424.3491

To: Smoot, Nicole[Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tue 7/25/2017 12:33:00 PM
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

Ink pen or pin for your shirt?

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Grants and Contracts Coordinator
Office of Administrative and Executive Services
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 6202A
(202) 343-9970

From: Smoot, Nicole
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:32 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

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“Committed to Service and People”
Nicole V. Smoot
Management Analyst
Office of Administrative and Executive Services
Office of the Administrator
Room: 2432G William Jefferson Clinton North
Mail Code: 1104A
Phone: 202-564-0414
Fax: 202-564-2744
Email: smoot.nicole@epa.gov

From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:31 AM
To: Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

What kind of pen?

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Grants and Contracts Coordinator
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US Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 6202A
(202) 343-9970

From: Smoot, Nicole
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:30 AM

To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

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Fax: 202-564-2744

Email: smoot.nicole@epa.gov

From: Quarles, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:29 AM

To: Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

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Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles

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Office of Administrative and Executive Services

US Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

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(202) 343-9970

From: Smoot, Nicole

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:27 AM

To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

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Phone: 202-564-0414

Fax: 202-564-2744

Email: smoot.nicole@epa.gov

From: Quarles, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:26 AM
To: Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

Working from home today until I fly out.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Grants and Contracts Coordinator
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Washington, DC 20460
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From: Smoot, Nicole
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:26 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

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Email: smoot.nicole@epa.gov*

From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:25 AM
To: Ellison, Mardiko <Ellison.Mardiko@epa.gov>
Cc: Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

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Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Grants and Contracts Coordinator
Office of Administrative and Executive Services
US Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 6202A
(202) 343-9970

From: Ellison, Mardiko
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:15 AM

To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Sole Source Justification

Good Morning Michael,

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Thank you.

From: Hull, George

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 5:03 PM

To: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>; Ellison, Mardiko <Ellison.Mardiko@epa.gov>

Cc: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Sole Source Justification

+ Lance, Nicole and Mardiko. - George

From: Hull, George

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 4:55 PM

To: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>

Subject: Sole Source Justification

Reggie,

Here is a sole source justification for the Definers Media Clips Service contract. Let me know if this works or you need more. –
George

Justification for single source:

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To: Scott, Elaine[Scott.Elaïne@epa.gov]
From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tue 1/9/2018 4:21:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC
SOW.Final.11.08.17.docx
ATT00001.htm

Eval in SOW

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager
Office of Administrative and Executive Services
US Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Date: November 13, 2017 at 11:47:59 AM EST
To: "Dews, Donna" <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>, "Quarles, Michael" <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>, "Gosnell, Jody" <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi all—

Here's the SOW with the instructions, evaluation, and IGCE included at the end. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Thanks everyone!

--Tricia

From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Michael

Thank you.

Donna Dews
Contract Specialist
US Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Acquisition Management
HPOD/Program Contract Service Center

Washington, DC 20460
202-564-6752 (DIRECT)
Dews.donna@epa.gov

From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hello,

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Thank you.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager
Office of Administrative and Executive Services
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 6202A
(202) 343-9970

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thanks . **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Thanks all

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Personal Phone / Ex. 6 (mobile)

From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Subject: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi All

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Again Thanks.

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Dews.donna@epa.gov

To: Vaughn, Celia[Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov]
Cc: Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Plater, Lottie[Plater.Lottie@epa.gov]
From: Scott, Elaine
Sent: Tue 2/6/2018 3:39:30 PM
Subject: RE: URGENT ACTION REQUESTED Re: Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf
final SOW for Definers EP18H000025.pdf

Celia,

As I mentioned in a previous email, I was not a part of the initial notice that was sent out.

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Elaine

Elaine Scott
Associate Division Director, SRRPOD

From: Vaughn, Celia
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 9:12 PM
To: Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaïne@epa.gov>
Cc: Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: URGENT ACTION REQUESTED Re: Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf

Hi Elaine,
See Lottie's response below.

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Celia M. Vaughn

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Plater, Lottie" <Plater.Lottie@epa.gov>
Date: February 5, 2018 at 5:24:21 PM EST
To: "Vaughn, Celia" <Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov>, "Brown, Rayna" <brown.rayna@epa.gov>, "Dews, Donna" <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>, "Gosnell, Jody" <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>, "Wilson, Jessica" <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: "Stewart, Keith" <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT ACTION REQUESTED Re: Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf

Celia,

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Thanks!

Lottie Plater
Associate Director,
OARM/OAM/HPOD

Environmental Protection Agency

Email: plater.lottie@epa.gov

W: 202-564-0163

C: 202-568-9436

“Blowing out someone else’s candle doesn’t make yours shine any brighter”

From: Vaughn, Celia

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 4:44 PM

To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Plater, Lottie <Plater.Lottie@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>

Cc: Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>

Subject: URGENT ACTION REQUESTED Re: Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf

Hello,

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To: Wilson, Jessica[Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov]
Cc: Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Plater, Lottie[Plater.Lottie@epa.gov]
From: Scott, Elaine
Sent: Thur 12/7/2017 8:12:31 PM
Subject: FW: First Draft of SOW and Memo
[SOW.Final 12-5-17.docx](#)
[SSJ Memo 12-7-17.docx](#)

Hi Jessica,

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From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 2:48 PM
To: Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaine@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: First Draft of SOW and Memo

Elaine

See below. 

From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 2:43 PM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: First Draft of SOW and Memo

Hi Donna,

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Thank you.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager
Office of Administrative and Executive Services
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 6202A
(202) 343-9970

To: Scott, Elaine[Scott.Elaïne@epa.gov]
From: Marusak, Kirk
Sent: Tue 2/6/2018 2:51:57 PM
Subject: RE: Definer's File - PO#EP18-H-000025

Hi, Elaine,

I have the file folder in my possession. Of course, you can come over to my cubicle and Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 We will need the file back as soon as
you are done. I am working to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
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I am located in PTOD, and my cubicle is located in the next row over from Rayna Brown's office and the attorney offices that are against the back wall. My cubicle number is 61268. I sit directly across from Mildred Jackson.

Kirk R. Marusak
Government Information Specialist
Office of Acquisition Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Phone: (202) 564-4493
Fax: (202) 564-2553
Marusak.Kirk@epa.gov

From: Scott, Elaine
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 9:40 AM
To: Marusak, Kirk <Marusak.Kirk@epa.gov>
Subject: Definer's File - PO#EP18-H-000025

Good Morning Kirk,

By any chance, do you still have the Definer's File with you to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5? If so, can I borrow it for about 30 minutes. I need to: Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 I can come get it just let me know where you sit.

Thank you,

Elaine

Elaine Scott,
Associate Division Director
OARM/OAM/SRRPOD

To: Vaughn, Celia[Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov]
Cc: Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Plater, Lottie[Plater.Lottie@epa.gov]
From: Scott, Elaine
Sent: Tue 2/6/2018 2:08:10 PM
Subject: RE: URGENT ACTION REQUESTED Re: Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf

I was not in the office on Monday. I also was not involved when the initial Notice of Intent went out. However, I will check with Jody Gosnell and Donna Dews and get back to everyone.

Elaine

From: Vaughn, Celia
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 9:12 PM
To: Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaine@epa.gov>
Cc: Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: URGENT ACTION REQUESTED Re: Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf

Hi Elaine,
See Lottie's response below. She wants you to verify for the Agency.

Celia M. Vaughn

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Subject: RE: URGENT ACTION REQUESTED Re: Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf

Celia,

To the best of my knowledge I believe Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 You can confirm with Elaine Scott in the morning when she come in the office. Thanks!

Lottie Plater
Associate Director,
OARM/OAM/HPOD
Environmental Protection Agency
Email: plater.lottie@epa.gov
W: 202-564-0163
C: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

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Cc: Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>
Subject: URGENT ACTION REQUESTED Re: Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf

Hello,
Included in the document set you sent me about Definers Public Affairs was the attached Statement of Work. At Congressional Affairs' request, can you Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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but please confirm.

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To: Scott, Elaine[Scott.Elaaine@epa.gov]
From: Vaughn, Celia
Sent: Mon 2/5/2018 9:47:08 PM
Subject: Fwd: URGENT ACTION REQUESTED Re: Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf
Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf
ATT00001.htm

Celia M. Vaughn
Chief of Staff, USEPA Headquarters, Office of Acquisition Management
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 3805R (202) 564-1047

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Vaughn, Celia" <Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov>
Date: February 5, 2018 at 4:44:28 PM EST
To: "Brown, Rayna" <brown.rayna@epa.gov>, "Dews, Donna" <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>, "Gosnell, Jody" <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>, "Plater, Lottie" <Plater.Lottie@epa.gov>, "Wilson, Jessica" <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>
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To: Scott, Elaine[Scott.Elaine@epa.gov]
From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Tue 12/19/2017 6:20:39 PM
Subject: Re: FYI >> CO just informed Definers Corp. of intent to issue a modification to cancel the award EP-18-H-000025

Thanks Elaine! I got it from Jessica. Thanks again for standing in the gap and sorry it went down like it did. Definitely a teachable opportunity! Take care

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

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On Dec 19, 2017, at 12:10 PM, Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaine@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks for the update Rayna. Were you able to get the email we were talking about? I can forward you what I have if you'd like.

Elaine

From: Brown, Rayna

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 12:07 PM

To: Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Cc: McLean, Sarsah <McLean.Sarsah@epa.gov>; Madison, Tommie <Madison.Tommie@epa.gov>; Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaine@epa.gov>

Subject: FYI >> CO just informed Definers Corp. of intent to issue a modification to cancel the award EP-18-H-000025

Hello all,

Please be advised, I have just spoke with Julia Cotrone with Definers Corp about an hour ago to provide a courtesy call that I will be issuing a unilateral modification to terminate for convenience (a full termination) the subject order pursuant to the GAO protests that was filed and stipulates the award must be cancelled. As such, all funds on the order will be fully de-obligated. Under a termination of this nature, pursuant to FAR 52.212-4 (see below) the contractor may be entitled to certain incurred expenses prior to the termination or in association with the termination that could not otherwise been mitigated. I will Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 I have asked that Definers sign and return the modification just as a means of acknowledgement and her company is prepared/agrees to do so upon receipt today.

If you receive any communication from this vendor or any other interested party, please direct them to myself as the Contracting Officer of record from this point forward. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you and have a nice day! ☺

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Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager
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OAM/HPOD/PCSC
(202) 564.6025 Office

To: Scott, Elaine[Scott.Elaaine@epa.gov]
From: Vaughn, Celia
Sent: Tue 2/6/2018 4:22:12 PM
Subject: Re: Documents Needed

Elaine,
May I ask you to call me at: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

Celia M. Vaughn
Chief of Staff, USEPA Headquarters, Office of Acquisition Management
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 3805R (202) 564-1047

On Feb 6, 2018, at 11:07 AM, Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaaine@epa.gov> wrote:

Celia,

Please check your email. I just responded to your request regarding the SOW.

Elaine

From: Vaughn, Celia
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 11:06 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaaine@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>; Plater, Lottie <Plater.Lottie@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Documents Needed

Hello all

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I must get back with them very soon.

Celia M. Vaughn
Chief of Staff, USEPA Headquarters, Office of Acquisition Management
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 3805R (202) 564-1047

On Feb 6, 2018, at 7:53 AM, Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Celia

Let me know if you need anything else.

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Thank you.

Donna Dews
Contract Specialist
US Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Acquisition Management
HPOD/Program Contract Service Center
Washington, DC 20460
202-564-6752 (DIRECT)
Dews.donna@epa.gov

From: Julia Cotrone [<mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com>]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: jpounder@definerscorp.com; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definerscorp.com>
Subject: Re: Documents Needed

Hi Donna,

Attached is adjusted work plan as well as a 12 month quote.

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On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 3:52 PM, Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:
Hi Julia

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Thank you.

Donna Dews
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From: Julia Cotrone [<mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: jpounder@definerscorp.com; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Documents Needed

Hi Donna,

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Thanks so much!!!

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Dews.donna@epa.gov

From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: jpounder@definerscorp.com; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Documents Needed

attached - please call my cell if you need any clarification or more detail.

Thanks!

On Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 4:42 PM, Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:
Hi Ms. Cotrone,

Thank you for taking our call earlier on the urgent turnaround request. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requests a revised work proposal and cost estimate to the revised statement of work in the attached. In the essence of time please forward the request no later than 3:00pm on Wednesday December 6, if not sooner.

Thank you

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Julia Cotrone

O: 571.290.5461 | C: 781.424.3491

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<EPA - Quote 1001.pdf>

<Definers EPA Proposal 127.docx>

To: Scott, Elaine[Scott.Elaïne@epa.gov]
Cc: Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]
From: Plater, Lottie
Sent: Mon 2/5/2018 10:30:29 PM
Subject: FW: URGENT ACTION REQUESTED Re: Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf
[Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Elaine,

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Lottie Plater
Associate Director,
OARM/OAM/HPOD
Environmental Protection Agency
Email: plater.lottie@epa.gov
W: 202-564-0163

C: **Personal Phone / Ex. 6**

“Blowing out someone else’s candle doesn’t make yours shine any brighter”

From: Vaughn, Celia
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 4:44 PM
To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Plater, Lottie <Plater.Lottie@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>
Subject: URGENT ACTION REQUESTED Re: Definers Statement of Work-1.pdf

Hello,

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From: Brown, Rayna
Location: DCRoomRRB61233California25pp/DC-Ronald-Reagan-OAM
Importance: Normal
Subject: IMMEDIATE ACTION >> Congressional - Oversight request on Definers Inc. contract
Start Time: Tue 1/9/2018 3:30:00 PM
End Time: Tue 1/9/2018 4:30:00 PM
Required Attendees: Scott, Elaine

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Hello all—

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When arriving at this meeting, please be prepared as follows:

- Read the email and the requested documents and
- Bring your laptop and any other pertinent materials not in the file

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Thank you in advance for your assistance.

To: Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Plater, Lottie[Plater.Lottie@epa.gov]
Cc: Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]
From: Vaughn, Celia
Sent: Tue 1/9/2018 1:41:25 AM
Subject: REQUEST FOR YOU IMMEDIATE ACTION Re: Congressional - Oversight request on Definers Inc. contract
[DeFazio Definers 1-3-18.pdf](#)
[Whitehouse News Analysis 12-19-17.pdf](#)
[Whitehouse News Analysis 1-5-18.docx](#)
[Pallone Definers 1-5-18.pdf](#)

Hello Keith,

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I copied Rayna Brown in anticipation that this may have been under her service center.

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Thank you in advance for your immediate response.

Celia M. Vaughn
Chief of Staff, USEPA Headquarters, Office of Acquisition Management
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 3805R (202) 564-1047

From: Cooper, Marian
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 10:28 AM
To: Patrick, Kimberly <Patrick.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Legare, Pamela <Legare.Pamela@epa.gov>; Vaughn, Celia <Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov>
Cc: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>; Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>; Gantt, Melissa <Gantt.Melissa@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Oversight request on Definers Inc. contract

Kimberly, Pam and Celia,

Please see the request below. Kyle from Congressional Affairs, is coordinating this response.

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Thank you and Happy New Year!

Marian

Marian Pechmann Cooper
Chief of Staff
Office of Administration and Resources Management

William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building-NORTH (3330)
Washington, DC 20460
office number -- 202 564-0620
office fax -- 202 564-0233



From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 10:45 AM
To: Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>
Cc: Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Subject: Oversight request on Definers Inc. contract

Hi Marian and Matt –

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We don't need any communications at this point.

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Please let me know if COB Wednesday (1/10) would be reasonable for this.

I'm of course happy to talk to OAM directly if you could put me in touch with the right folks.

Thanks,
Kyle

Kyle Aarons
Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-7351

To: Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Plater, Lottie[Plater.Lottie@epa.gov]; Scott, Elaine[Scott.Elaine@epa.gov]
Cc: Legare, Pamela[Legare.Pamela@epa.gov]
From: Patrick, Kimberly
Sent: Mon 1/8/2018 3:55:09 PM
Subject: Fwd: Oversight request on Definers Inc. contract
[DeFazio Definers 1-3-18.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)
[Whitehouse News Analysis 12-19-17.pdf](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)
[Whitehouse News Analysis 1-5-18.docx](#)
[ATT00003.htm](#)

Please provide the requested information and your comments on the draft response to me by COB Wednesday. I will compile our response and send it forward.

Kimberly Y. Patrick, Director
EPA Office of Acquisition Management
Office: 202-564-4310
Mobile: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cooper, Marian" <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>
To: "Patrick, Kimberly" <Patrick.Kimberly@epa.gov>, "Legare, Pamela" <Legare.Pamela@epa.gov>, "Vaughn, Celia" <Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov>
Cc: "Vizian, Donna" <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>, "Showman, John" <Showman.John@epa.gov>, "Bell, Matthew" <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>, "Aarons, Kyle" <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>, "Knapp, Kristien" <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>, "Gantt, Melissa" <Gantt.Melissa@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Oversight request on Definers Inc. contract

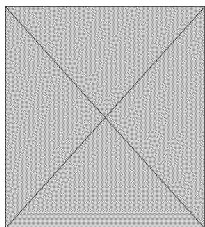
Kimberly, Pam and Celia,

Please see the request below. Kyle from Congressional Affairs, is coordinating this response. Can you please comments on the draft response and the documents requested? Please copy Matt and me on your response.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Marian

Marian Pechmann Cooper
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office fax -- 202 564-0233



From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 10:45 AM
To: Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>
Cc: Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>

Subject: Oversight request on Definers Inc. contract

Hi Marian and Matt – We are working to respond to a couple oversight requests about a contract (now canceled) with Definers Inc. to provide news analysis services to OPA. We worked with OPA to draft the attached response, but will need some help from OAM as well.

Please ask OAM to review the attached draft and let us know of any feedback. We'd also like any documentation of the solicitation and contract that we would release for a FOIA request. Specifically, from the incoming letters:

- A copy of the initial public solicitation or notice related to the “news analysis and brief service” work put out for bid
- A copy of all formal contract responses or other indications of interest to this solicitation or notice from prospective companies seeking to bid on this work
- A copy of the final contract with Definers
- A copy of the contract between EPA and any company that provided similar media monitoring services to the agency *immediately prior* to the awarding of the contract with Definers (press reports indicate that this contract was with a company called Bulletin Intelligence, LLC)
- Copies of [any other] documents related to the procurement of services with Definers as well as the contract EPA concluded with Definers for these services

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Please ask OAM to flag anything that may contain Confidential Business Information (we'll also have OGC review).

Please let me know if COB Wednesday (1/10) would be reasonable for this.

I'm of course happy to talk to OAM directly if you could put me in touch with the right folks.

Thanks,
Kyle

Kyle Arons
Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-7351

To: Wilson, Jessica[Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov]
From: Scott, Elaine
Sent: Mon 12/11/2017 2:25:39 PM
Subject: FW: Distribution of EP-18-H-000025 - A more legible copy

Hey Jessica,

See the email below that I just sent Donna.

Thanks,

Elaine

From: Scott, Elaine
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Distribution of EP-18-H-000025 - A more legible copy

Hi Donna,

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From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:27 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>; Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaine@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Distribution of EP-18-H-000025 - A more legible copy

Hi Nancy

I will

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Thank you.

Donna Dews
Contract Specialist
US Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Acquisition Management
HPOD/Program Contract Service Center
Washington, DC 20460
202-564-6752 (DIRECT)
Dews.donna@epa.gov

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2017 7:59 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Distribution of EP-18-H-000025 - A more legible copy

Does this mean that the contract has been awarded? When can we start using it? Thanks much ng

Nancy Grantham

**Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)**

Personal Phone / Ex. 6 (mobile)

From: Julia Cotrone [<mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 6:03 PM

To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>

Cc: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Group DDC-Customer <DDC-Customer@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>; Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaine@epa.gov>; Plater, Lottie <Plater.Lottie@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Distribution of EP-18-H-000025 - A more legible copy

Thank you, Donna! Attached is signed award -
Please let me know if theres anything else we need to do on our end to process the award.

On Thu, Dec 7, 2017 at 5:43 PM, Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:
Oops!!!Here is a better copy.

The attached is for award. Thanks so much!!!

Donna Dews
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Julia Cotrone

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To: Vaughn, Celia[Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov]
From: Scott, Elaine
Sent: Tue 2/6/2018 4:55:53 PM
Subject: FW: PROPOSED OAM RESPONSE + DOCUMENTS >> RE: REQUEST FOR YOU IMMEDIATE ACTION
[Documents to Congressional Response.pdf](#)
[OAM Edits Whitehouse News Analysis 1-10-18 FINAL.docx](#)

From: Patrick, Kimberly
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Vaughn, Celia <Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov>; Plater, Lottie <Plater.Lottie@epa.gov>
Cc: Legare, Pamela <Legare.Pamela@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>; Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaine@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PROPOSED OAM RESPONSE + DOCUMENTS >> RE: REQUEST FOR YOU IMMEDIATE ACTION

Celia,

The attached documents are approved to send forward in response to the subject Congressional. I understand

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HPOD,

Thank you for coming together to complete this assignment!

Kimberly Y. Patrick, Director
EPA Office of Acquisition Management
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
Phone: (202) 564-4310
Fax: (202) 565-2475
Email: Patrick.kimberly@epa.gov

From: Vaughn, Celia
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Plater, Lottie <Plater.Lottie@epa.gov>
Cc: Patrick, Kimberly <Patrick.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Legare, Pamela <Legare.Pamela@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: PROPOSED OAM RESPONSE + DOCUMENTS >> RE: REQUEST FOR YOU IMMEDIATE ACTION

Hello all,

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This is due to Congressional Affairs today.

Celia M. Vaughn
Chief of Staff, USEPA Headquarters, Office of Acquisition Management
[1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Washington, DC 20460](#)
Mail Code 3805R (202) 564-1047
On Jan 9, 2018, at 5:32 PM, Plater, Lottie <Plater.Lottie@epa.gov> wrote:

OK. No problem.

Lottie Plater
Associate Director,
OARM/OAM/HPOD
Environmental Protection Agency
Email: plater.lottie@epa.gov
W: 202-564-0163

"Blowing out someone else's candle doesn't make yours shine any brighter"

From: Patrick, Kimberly

Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 5:32 PM

To: Plater, Lottie <Plater.Lottie@epa.gov>; Vaughn, Celia <Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov>; Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>; Legare, Pamela <Legare.Pamela@epa.gov>

Cc: Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaine@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: PROPOSED OAM RESPONSE + DOCUMENTS >> RE: REQUEST FOR YOU IMMEDIATE ACTION

Thank you Lottie. I have a few questions about the documents provided. I will talk with you tomorrow morning.

Kimberly Y. Patrick, Director

EPA Office of Acquisition Management

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20004

Phone: (202) 564-4310

Fax: (202) 565-2475

Email: Patrick.kimberly@epa.gov

From: Plater, Lottie

Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 3:49 PM

To: Vaughn, Celia <Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov>; Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>; Patrick, Kimberly <Patrick.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Legare, Pamela <Legare.Pamela@epa.gov>

Cc: Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaine@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>

Subject: PROPOSED OAM RESPONSE + DOCUMENTS >> RE: REQUEST FOR YOU IMMEDIATE ACTION

Importance: High

Celia,

Per your request, here are the documents for this data-call. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Lottie Plater

Associate Director,

OARM/OAM/HPOD

Environmental Protection Agency

Email: plater.lottie@epa.gov

W: 202-564-0163

"Blowing out someone else's candle doesn't make yours shine any brighter"

To: Vaughn, Celia[Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov]
From: Scott, Elaine
Sent: Tue 2/6/2018 4:46:49 PM
Subject: FW: PROPOSED OAM RESPONSE + DOCUMENTS >> RE: REQUEST FOR YOU IMMEDIATE ACTION
[OAM Edits Whitehouse News Analysis 1-5-18 \(002\).docx](#)
[Documents to Congressional Response.pdf](#)

Here is the initial data call package that Lottie sent you on January 9th.

From: Plater, Lottie
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 3:49 PM
To: Vaughn, Celia <Vaughn.Celia@epa.gov>; Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>; Patrick, Kimberly <Patrick.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Legare, Pamela <Legare.Pamela@epa.gov>
Cc: Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaine@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: PROPOSED OAM RESPONSE + DOCUMENTS >> RE: REQUEST FOR YOU IMMEDIATE ACTION
Importance: High

Celia,

Per your request, here are the documents for this data-call. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Lottie Plater
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OARM/OAM/HPOD
Environmental Protection Agency
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W: 202-564-0163
C: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

“Blowing out someone else’s candle doesn’t make yours shine any brighter”

To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 11/3/2017 4:16:29 PM
Subject: RE: Definers - Is there an updated on this?

Our contracts office is [Deliberative Process / Ex. 5] It will have to be posted on a government contracts site for 5 days; [Deliberative Process / Ex. 5]

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
[Personal Phone / Ex. 6] **(mobile)**

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers - Is there an updated on this?

Jahan Wilcox
EPA
Strategic Communications Advisor
Work Cell: [Personal Phone / Ex. 6]
Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Daniell, Kelsi
Sent: Wed 5/23/2018 9:30:19 PM
Subject: FW: Request for comment on Definers contract, deadline end of day

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 5:14 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for comment on Definers contract, deadline end of day

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)

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(mobile)

From: Rebecca Leber [mailto:rlieber@motherjones.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 5:14 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Request for comment on Definers contract, deadline end of day

We're publishing a followup on the Definers contract from December. Emails obtained via FOIA show the EPA relied only on information provided by Definers to determine whether the \$120k contract was "fair and reasonable."

Can you respond to the charge that EPA "should have engaged in market research, i.e. learning what others are charging for comparable services, at a minimum."?"

Thank you

From: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 7:13 AM
To: Rebecca Leber
Cc: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: FW: Request for comment on Definers contract, deadline end of day

The Definers contract is for media monitoring/newsclip compilation.

The contract award was handled through the EPA Office of Acquisition Management.

Thank you.

From: Rebecca Leber <rlieber@motherjones.com>
Date: December 14, 2017 at 3:36:29 PM EST

To: Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: Request for comment on Definers contract, deadline end of day

Writing to request comment on federal records showing that the EPA has hired Definers Corp., a PR firm associated with GOP campaigns, on a \$120,000 federal contract to conduct media monitoring.

What work was Definers hired for?

Can you comment on Jahan Wilcox's connections to the staff at Definers, and if he or any other staff played a role in facilitating the contract?

My deadline is end of the day, thank you

Rebecca Leber

To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Kevin Bogardus
Sent: Fri 12/15/2017 7:18:50 PM
Subject: RE: Definers Corp. contract with EPA

All right, I will update the piece with this. Thanks.

Kevin Bogardus
E&E News Reporter

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From: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Kevin Bogardus
Subject: RE: Definers Corp. contract with EPA

One additional statement regarding sole-sourcing.

“When the government seeks to sole-source a contract, notice must be placed on Fedconnect or Fedbizops so other vendors have an opportunity to provide documentation of their ability to provide the services outlined in the contract scope of work. In this case, one additional vendor responded with their qualifications and the media/news clips contract was awarded to Definers.” - EPA spokeswoman, Nancy Grantham

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:19 AM
To: 'Kevin Bogardus' <kbogardus@eenews.net>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers Corp. contract with EPA

“The Definers contract is for media monitoring/news clip compilation. The contract award was handled through the EPA Office of Acquisition Management and was \$87,000 cheaper than our previous media monitoring vendor while offering 24-7 news alerts once a story goes public.” – EPA spokesperson Nancy Grantham

From: Kevin Bogardus [<mailto:kbogardus@eenews.net>]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers Corp. contract with EPA

Hey everyone,

It's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.

I'm working on a piece about Definers Corp.'s contract with EPA

(<https://www.usaspending.gov/transparency/Pages/TransactionDetails.aspx?RecordID=53D2AF0E-B566-47BB-8EB4-728DAC00CEB7&AwardID=59978626&AwardType=C>). I had a few questions about this, which are:

-- How did this contract happen? Did Definers approach EPA first or did EPA approach Definers first?

-- What services will Definers be providing EPA? Will Definers be providing "war room" services to EPA

(https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/3d6ea3_c21da991906e440eba09e35b63bbcc10.pdf)?

-- A search of usaspending.gov shows that Definers' contract with EPA is Definers' first contract with EPA

(<https://www.usaspending.gov/Pages/AdvancedSearch.aspx?sub=y&ST=C&FY=2018,2017,2016,2015,2014,2013,2012,2011,2010,2009&A=0&SS=USA&k=definers>). Is that accurate?

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is 12:30 pm EST today but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Also, since I'm working from home today, please email me here or call my cell phone at Personal Phone / Ex. 6. Thank you for your help.

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 12/15/2017 7:32:01 PM
Subject: Fwd: Follow up question on MJ story

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: Lisa Friedman <lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>
Date: December 15, 2017 at 2:29:14 PM EST
To: "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow up question on MJ story

And the name of the other vendor?
And the contract please?

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Lisa.Friedman@nytimes.com
Twitter: @LFFriedman

On Dec 15, 2017, at 1:41 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Lisa Friedman [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:21 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow up question on MJ story

And why was this a no-bid contract when other companies perform the same service?

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Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:15 AM

To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>

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Hello,

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Secondly - were there any issues with Bulletin that caused EPA to switch providers for this service?

Third, as there are clearly other companies that perform this work – – like the one EPA had previously contracted with – – can you please provide an explanation of why this was a no-bid contract.

Thank you,
Lisa

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Daniell, Kelsi
Sent: Tue 12/19/2017 6:46:28 PM
Subject: FW: Time-sensitive request from Bloomberg Government regarding Definers

Making sure you saw this.

From: Skolnik, Samuel [mailto:sskolnik@bgov.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Time-sensitive request from Bloomberg Government regarding Definers

Hi all. I cover federal contracting and procurement issues for Bloomberg Government, and am working on a daily story based off of reports that EPA today has dropped the contract with Definers Corp. to help the EPA shape press coverage of the agency, through a no-bid contract.

Questions:

- 1 – Why did EPA drop the Definers contract?
- 2 – Why was this a sole-source solicitation in the first place?
- 3 – How did EPA decide to solicit the work from Definers Corp. specifically?
- 4 – What did EPA need to do to justify this as a sole-source solicitation? Did the agency do what it needed to, to abide the Federal Acquisition Regulation and other pertinent laws? What exactly was that?
- 5 – Does EPA believe there are inherent risks to agencies, and by extension taxpayers, in no-bid contracts? If so, what are they?

I’m looking for comment (or EPA’s written thoughts, attributable to Jahan Wilcox or whoever the right person might be) by 4 p.m. today. My contact info is below.

Thank you,
Sam

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Sam Skolnik
Senior Reporter

Bloomberg Government

Direct: (202) 416-3328
Cell: Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 (On Fridays, please call my Cell)
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[@samskolnik](#)

To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Daniell, Kelsi
Sent: Tue 12/19/2017 6:52:18 PM
Subject: FW: Inquiry re: Whitehouse/Harris letter on Definers

Making sure you saw this one.

From: Jackie Toth [mailto:jackietoth@cqrollcall.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Inquiry re: Whitehouse/Harris letter on Definers

Hi all,

Can the EPA please comment on the inquiry from Whitehouse and Harris today with concerns over conflicts of interest in the no-bid contract with Definers Public Affairs? Can the agency be specific on what services the firm is providing for the agency? Will the EPA be responding by Thursday as requested?

Deadline is no later than 3:15pm today.

Thanks all,
Jackie

Jackie Toth
CQ Legal
Energy & Environment Reporter/Analyst
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@JackieTothDC

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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Bodine, Susan[bodine.susan@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thur 12/14/2017 8:44:39 PM
Subject: FW: Request for comment on Definers contract, deadline end of day

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From: Rebecca Leber [mailto:rleber@motherjones.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Request for comment on Definers contract, deadline end of day

Writing to request comment on federal records showing that the EPA has hired Definers Corp., a PR firm associated with GOP campaigns, on a \$120,000 federal contract to conduct media monitoring.

What work was Definers hired for?

Can you comment on Jahan Wilcox's connections to the staff at Definers, and if he or any other staff played a role in facilitating the contract?

My deadline is end of the day, thank you

Rebecca Leber

To: Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO[Raj.S.Shah@who.eop.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 12/15/2017 6:41:43 PM
Subject: DEFINERS ...

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 1:41 PM
To: 'Lisa Friedman' <lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thur 9/28/2017 11:39:12 PM
Subject: Re: Definers -- Clips

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 7:17 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

<image1.PNG>

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 6:33 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jahan

Can you forward me the screen shot so I can send it to contracts thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Personal Phone / Ex. 6 (mobile)

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:27 PM
To: Joe Pounder <jpounder@definerscorp.com>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>;
Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Definers -- Clips

Great. Adding Nancy and Liz.

On Sep 28, 2017, at 4:11 PM, Joe Pounder <jpounder@definerscorp.com> wrote:

We're fully registered...

<Screen Shot 2017-09-28 at 4.23.59 PM.png>

On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 3:29 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy
<Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers -- Clips

HI –

Working with contracts on this – here is the remaining issue that the contracting officer brought to me yesterday --

Specifically, the vendor is not registered in the System for Award Management (SAM). In order for any vendor to receive a contract from the federal government, they must be registered in this system. The vendor seems to be reluctant to register.

George had been working with the vendor on this. I have a call into the vendor as they may need assistance in completing the forms.

Will update you as soon as I hear from the vendor.

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers -- Clips
Importance: High

Where are we on this and when can we get this going? Today is a day where we could really use their help capturing clips in real time. This is very important and our wait and the process to do this has been way too long. Thank you!

Jahan Wilcox
EPA
Strategic Communications Advisor
Work Cell: **Personal Phone / Ex. 6**
Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

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Joe Pounder
jpounder@definercorp.com
571-290-5460

To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: White, Elizabeth
Sent: Wed 5/9/2018 3:56:15 PM
Subject: FW: Definers Oversight response

FYI....

Beth White
Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564-1781 direct
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From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 11:55 AM
To: White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov>; Burke, Marcella <burke.marcella@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>
Cc: Youngblood, Charlotte <Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>; Feeley, Drew (Robert) <Feeley.Drew@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers Oversight response

Hi all – Just FYI, Definers docs are **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Thanks,
Kyle

Kyle Aarons
Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-7351

From: White, Elizabeth
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:36 PM
To: Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Definers Oversight response

Sent from my iPhone
Begin forwarded message:

From: "Baptist, Erik" <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>
Date: April 25, 2018 at 4:59:09 PM EDT
To: "Burke, Marcella" <burke.marcella@epa.gov>
Cc: "White, Elizabeth" <white.elizabeth@epa.gov>, "Feeley, Drew (Robert)" <Feeley.Drew@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Definers Oversight response

I spoke with Christian, and he agreed that **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 4:57 PM, Burke, Marcella <burke.marcella@epa.gov> wrote:

Beth - I'm not on the email from Kyle, so would you please ask **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 4:07 PM, White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI - I think **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:01 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bigioni, Neil <bigioni.neil@epa.gov>; White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov>; Walker, Denise <Walker.Denise@epa.gov>; Kelly, Lynn <Kelly.Lynn@epa.gov>; Hitchens, Lynnann <hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov>; Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Cc: White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers Oversight response

Hi all – I've finally had a chance to review the Definers documents set for FOIA release. It appears we have **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Thank you,
Kyle

Kyle Aarons
Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-7351

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 7:02 PM
To: Bigioni, Neil <bigioni.neil@epa.gov<<mailto:bigioni.neil@epa.gov>>>; White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov<<mailto:white.elizabeth@epa.gov>>>; Walker, Denise <Walker.Denise@epa.gov<<mailto:Walker.Denise@epa.gov>>>; Kelly, Lynn <Kelly.Lynn@epa.gov<<mailto:Kelly.Lynn@epa.gov>>>; Hitchens, Lynnann <hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov<<mailto:hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov>>>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov<<mailto:Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>>>; Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov<<mailto:Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>>>; Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov<<mailto:Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>>>
Cc: White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov<<mailto:white.elizabeth@epa.gov>>>
Subject: FW: Definers Oversight response

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Nancy Grantham
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202-253-7056 (mobile)

From: Knapp, Kristien
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:22 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy
<Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov<<mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>>>
Cc: Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov<<mailto:Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>>>
Subject: Definers Oversight response

Hi Nancy,

Our response to congressional oversight requests about the Definers contract is now ready for signature. I'm attaching the 3 incoming letters, our responses and the redacted documents that we'll send as enclosures. This response has been reviewed and approved by OARM, OGC, and OCIR. Please let us know if you or Liz have any feedback or questions. I'd be happy to print it out for Liz to sign if you can point me towards OPA letterhead. My understanding is

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Thanks,
Kristien

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(202) 564-3277

<Definers contract documents.pdf>

To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Dolph, Becky[Dolph.Becky@epa.gov]
From: Walker, Denise
Sent: Wed 12/20/2017 7:30:00 PM
Subject: RE: Data on FOIA response rates
All Allan Blutstein FOIA requests Simple Track 12202017.xls

Jahan:

These 18 are Simple Track.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 10:22 AM
To: Dolph, Becky <Dolph.Becky@epa.gov>; Walker, Denise <Walker.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Data on FOIA response rates
Importance: High

Can you tell me which of the attached requests are simple and which ones are complex?

From: Lipton, Eric [mailto:lipton@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Lisa Friedman <lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>
Subject: Re: Data on FOIA response rates

It is attached here
I guess it comes down to how the requests are defined, as Simple or Complex
I was just struck as I looked at the responses how quickly they happened.
But I guess one could argue that they were "simple" requests and so they were processed quickly

Eric Lipton

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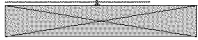
On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 4:26 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:
This is helpful. Now we know what the standard is. What were the 17 requests?

From: Lipton, Eric [mailto:lipton@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 4:02 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Lisa Friedman <lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>
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